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## FRONT MATTER

### I. Bal'ina Saba Oromoo

#### Oromo<sup>1</sup> Population and Afaan Oromo

Oromiyaa, Ethiopia, keessatti Afaan Oromoo afaan mootummaati. Mana dhaddachaatti abbaan seeraas, inni himatus, inni himatamus Afaan Oromootiin hojjata. Mana barnootaatti, ijoolleen Oromo amma kutaa torbaffaa seenanutti, barnoota hunda afaan isaanitiin, qubee isaanitiin baratu. Kutaa torbaa olitti ammoo, Afaan Oromo amma yunivarsiitiitti ni/in barsiifama. Sabni Oromoo afaan isaanii kana dubbatanu, miliyoona soddomaa ol ta'u. Oromiyaa keessa qofa osoo hin ta'in, Oromoonni biyya Kenya, biyya Sudanii fi biyya Somalia keessa jiraatanu ammoo akka kuma dhibba shan ta'anuu Afaan Oromoo dubbatu. Dhalootaan Oromoo osoo hin ta'in, namooti Afaan Oromoo beekanu miliyoonaan lakkaayamu. Gabaabaatti, Afaan Oromo afaan saba bal'aati.

Afaan Oromoo, the Oromo language, is the official language of Oromiyaa, Ethiopia. It is used in courts, in the school system, colleges, and universities. It is a native language of about thirty million Oromos whose homelands are in Oromiyaa, Ethiopia. In addition, about five hundred thousand Oromo people who have made Kenya, the Sudan, and Somalia their home speak Afaan Oromo. Although data are not available, the Oromo language is also spoken by millions of non-Oromo people in Ethiopia.

### II. Galmee isa Haara kana/The Present Oromo-English Dictionary

Jechooti (words) Afaan Oromo galmee (dikshinari) kana keessa jiranu hundinu, Afaan Ingliziitti hiikamaniiru. Dhuguma, hiikaan tokko tokko quubsaa miti ta'a. Ha ta'uu malee, jechooti garri caalaan sirriitti hiikamaniiru. Dikshinari afaan lama of keessaa qabu kana katabuun kan yaalame, namootni Afaan Oromoo beekanu akka Afaan Inglizii ittiin baranu, namoonni Afaan Inglizii beekanu ammoo akka Afaan Oromoo ittin baranuufi. Oromoonni, keessumattu barattoonni Afaan Inglizii, fakkeenyaaf "bishaan fuulaa/bishaan sammuu" Afaan Ingliziitiin maal jedhama jedhanii nama Afaan Inglizii beeku gaafachuun ni mala.



Galmee kana bananii Afaan Ingliziitiin, “amniotic fluid/bag of waters” akka jedhamuu baruunis karaa tokko. Barataan tokko isa barsiisaan isa barsiisuu qofa osoo hin ta’in, ofuma isaatiin waan tokko tokko qoratee yoo bare beekumsi isaa dagaagaa deema. Barattoonni waan baruu fedhanu akka itti qoratanu karaa agarsiisuun garuu hojii barsiisaa tokko keessaa isa cimaa dha.

Dikshinariii isa kanaa fi isa bara 1989 maxxanfamee baye, addaa adda kan godhu sababii sadiituu jira. Tokko, inni kun qubee keenya isa amma ittiin hojjatamaa jiruun sirriitti katabamee dhiyaateera. Gaaffiin namooti baay’een na gaafataa turanis “maaliif qubee keenyatti nuun geeddarre (nuuf hin geeddare) kan jedhu ture. Akkuma beekamu isa durii keessa qubee sabni keenya hin beekne tokko tokkotu jira. Kan inni qophaayes warra saayinsi afaanii sirriitti barataniif ture. Fakkeenyaaf, Oromooti hedduun qubee isa akkasii faa / $\Lambda$ ,  $\partial$  / arganii hin/im beekanu. Dubbachiiftuu isa gabaabaa fi isa dheeraa addaan baafachuuf jecha, jechoota mal’atoo kana / / giddutti katabaman ilaaluuniyyu yeroo fixa ture. Fakkeenyaaf, “baduu”n /b $\Lambda$ du:/ jedhamee bifa kanaan katabamee ture. “baaduu”nis “baduu” jedhamee eega katabamee booda bifi inni ittiin dubbatamu /ba:du:/”n isa ordofee mul’ate. Isa mal’atoo / / kana keessa jirutu “baduu” fi “baaduu” addaan baasee nu agarsiisa ture. Amma kan dura arginuu garuu “baaduu” dha. Akka jechoota 118 booda ammoo taraa isaa eeggatee kan mul’atu “baduu” dha. Gabaabatti, galmeen inni kun gaaffii namoota keenyaatiif deebii quubsaa ta’a jedheen amana. Lama, jechoota haarawwan qofa osoo hin ta’in, seerri Afaan Oromo inni dur sirriitti naan galin (naa hin galin) amma sirriitti qoratamee, fooyya’ee dikshinariii isa kana keessatti galmeefameera. Sadii, jechooti haaraa baay’een, jechuun warri kanaan dura irraanfatan, dikshinariii isa kanatti dabalamaniiru. Kanaaf, dikshinariin inni dur akka fuula dhibba jahaa fi digdamii torba (627; double space) ture amma fuula dhibba saddeetii fi jaatamii afurii (864; single space) ol ta’uu danda’eera. Jechoota haaraa warra galmee isa kanatti ida’amani, kitaabotaa fi gaazexoota keessaan funaannadhe. Awuun koreewwan Waldaa Maccaa fi Tuulamaa keessatti ramadamee hojjachaa ture ammoo haasaa namootaa keessaa jechoota hedduu argachuu danda’eera. Galmeen inni ammaa jechoota hunda ofi keessaa qaba jechuun hindanda’amuu. Ammayyuu jechooti hedduun mana mana, ganda ganda jiraachuu ni danda’u. isuma kanattiyyu jechooti hedduun osoo hin dabalamin hafuu ni/in danda’u. Garuu, isa irraanfatanus, isa qoratamus fuul duratti rakkoo tokko malee itti

dabaluun ni/in danda'ama. Kana gochuu kan nu dandeessisuu teknoloogii kumputeraati<sup>2</sup>. Dikshinariii isa kana Afaan Inglizitiin "CD ReWritable" kan jedhamuu irrattan qubeesse. Fuul duratti diskeetii kana irratti isa itti ida'amuu, ida'uu, isa fooyya'uu barbaachisu, fooyyessuu, isa ammoo garaa nu hin ciibsine keessaa baafnee calaasuu ni dandeenya. Ani karaa koo, kanaafan dikshinariii isa kana baay'ee jaal'adha. Asii eegalee, isa armaan gaditti "entry" fi "cross reference" jedhame qubeessamettii kan hafe, hundisaanii namoota Afaan Oromoo him/im beekneef ijaa qophaayan, Afaan Oromootti hiikuun hin barbaachisu.

This Oromo-English-Dictionary<sup>3</sup>, the only one of its kind by a native speaker of Oromo, is designed primarily for those persons who wish to learn English through Oromo or vice versa<sup>4</sup>. This writer<sup>5</sup> believes that in an environment like Oromiyaa where contact with native speakers of English and exposure to the culture is almost nil, a good approach to the teaching of English through a bilingual dictionary is extremely useful for a motivated learner of a foreign language. The dictionary is also designed with a fairly wide range of possible users in mind – anthropologists, international organizations that deal with aid, trade, etc., interpreters, libraries, linguistic scholars, missionaries, museums, students of English and African studies, teachers, translators, and travelers.

The present dictionary is much better than *Oromo-English-Dictionary* by Tilahun Gamta, published in 1989. First, this one is written entirely in *qubee*, Oromo alphabet. *Qubee* is taught in Oromiyaa school system, and it is used for writing newspapers, literature, the Bible, textbooks for schools, colleges, and universities. It is also used for writing official correspondences of the courts and Oromiyaa bureaucracy. In short, *qubee* is now a well-established instrument for writing Afaan Oromo. Second, this one is more comprehensive than the one published in 1989. There are more entries in this one than there are in the previous dictionary. Not only are new words added, but also almost all the morphemes<sup>6</sup> of the language are included. All the different ways a particular word with the same meaning is pronounced is also indicated in this one. For instance, *xiifoo/xuufoo* and *xureessuu/xureechuu*. The definitions of some entries have also been improved immensely. For instance, the suffix "-e" was defined as "a verb suffix, it usu indicates the simple past tense." Compare this definition with the present one: "e suffixed to verbs, refers to 1<sup>st</sup> person sing. or 3<sup>rd</sup> person sing., masc, and

it indicates that the verb is simple past tense. "e" is suffixed only after removing the infinitive marker, "-uu", e.g., (*dhufuu*) *kaleessa dhufe* He came yesterday (*bawuu*) *Oromoo baay'eetu biyyaa baye*. Many Oromos left the country. (*du'uu*) *yoom du'e* ? When did he die? *ani kaleessan dhufe* I came yesterday. (*ooluu*) *dheengadda asin oole* I was here all day the day before yesterday. Note that -e is suffixed only to the verbs that do not end in "-achuu".

### A. Jechoota Afaan Oromo As Keessatti Galmeeffaman

Jechooti Afaan Oromo as keessatti galmeeffaman hundinu dura qubee keenyaan eega qubeeffamanii booda, amma danda'mutti sirriitti tarreefamaniiru. Jechoota tarree buusuun yookaan tarree dhaan kaawuun hedduu barbaachisaa dha. Yoo kana gochuun baanne, jecha tokko barbaaduun lilmoo cidii keessa bu'e barbaaduu ta'a; jechuun hedduu nama dhamaasa.

Sagaleewwan 33 "The entry" jalatti tarreefamaniiru. Tarree jechootaa jechuun akka sirriitti nuuf galutti, fakkeenyaaf jechooti "d" fi "dh" dhaan jalqabamanu "The Entry" jalatti qubeeffamaniiru. Jechooti kun dura waliin dhayamanii galmeeffamnii. Jarumti kun ammoo booda tarree bu'anii mul'atu. Galmee kana keessaa, jechoota barbaaduu dura fakkeenya keenname kana sirriitti hubachuun barbaachisaa dha.

### A. The Entry

All the entries are written in *qubee*, Oromo alphabet. They are then arranged in alphabetical order.

#### 1. Alphabetical Order

The alphabetical order of the thirty-three (33) Oromo phonemes/letters are as follows: **a/aa, b, c, ch, d, dh, e/ee, f, g, h, i/ii, j, k, l, m, n, ny, o/oo, ph, q, r, s, sh, t, u/uu, w, x, y**, in that order. It is important to keep this order in mind when looking up a word. Here, some words that begin in "d" and "dh" are given as examples. In Set 1, the words are not alphabetized. In Set 2 the words are accurately alphabetized and listed:

**Set 1** Those that begin in "d" : *dora'uu, dooyyoo, dubbachuu, dandii, daandii, dadhabuu, dadhabbii, duuchuu, duuguu, daphoo, didhaa,*

didaa, digdama, diigdama, dikaawuu, dirqama, dirgoo, do'ii,  
 dogongora, duboo, ducee, dawuu, dallaa, dibamuu, dibuu  
 Those that begin in "dh" : dhawuu, dhallaa, dhibamuu, dhibuu,  
 dhaabuu, dheebuu, dhiitaa, dhiita'aa, dhiyaana, dhiyaachuu, dhudha'uu,  
 dhuuga, dhuga, dhundhuma, dhuubaa, dhubbuu, dhibba, dhaaba,  
 dhaddee, dhaddacha, dhageettii, dhakaa, dhama, dhowwaa, dhaqa,  
 dheebuu

**Set 2: Alphabetized words that begin in "d" :**

daandii  
 dadhabbii  
 dadhabuu  
 dallaa  
 dandii  
 daphoo  
 dawuu  
 dibamuu  
 dibuu  
 didaa  
 didhaa  
 digdama  
 diigdama  
 dikaawuu  
 dirgoo  
 dirqama  
 dogongora  
 do'ii  
 dooyyoo  
 dora'uu  
 dubbachuu  
 duboo  
 ducee  
 duuchuu  
 duuguu

**2 Alphabetized words that begin in "dh" :**

dhaaba  
 dhaabuu  
 dhaddacha

dhaddee  
 dhageettii  
 dhakaa  
 dhallaa  
 dhama  
 dhaqa  
 dhawuu  
 dheebuu  
 dheebuu  
 dhibamuu  
 dhibba  
 dhibuu  
 dhiitaa  
 dhiita'aa  
 dhiyaachuu  
 dhiyaana  
 dhowwaa  
 dhubbuu  
 dhudha'uu  
 dhuga  
 dhundhuma  
 dhuubaa  
 dhuuga

## 2. Superscript

For purposes of cross-reference, two or more entries that are spelled identically (but with different meanings) are assigned superscript numbers.

Example: **aaduu<sup>1</sup>**  
           **aaduu<sup>2</sup>**

## 3. Stylistic Value

Concerning stylistics and usage, certain explanatory notes are given in parentheses immediately before the definition of an entry.

Examples: **haadha raawo** (vulgar)  
           **qallachuu** (applies to liquid, or semi-liquid)



#### 4. The Definitions

Whenever possible, an English equivalent of an Oromo word and as many of its synonyms as possible are provided for the benefit of the learner of English.

Example: **yyoomuu** ... be/become poor, destitute, impecunious, indigent, needy

When the above is impossible for reasons of cultural and linguistic differences, however, an extended definition has been used<sup>7</sup>. If an entry has multiple meanings, these meanings are separated and serialized.

Example:

**jaamuu** ... 1 be blind or be sightless 2 be dull/blunt, i.e., dullness of cutting instruments... 3 (of cow's teats) be blocked, clogged ... Likewise, if the English word used is polysemous the particular sense is also explained. For example, the English word "catch" may have at least 16 different senses. Of these, sense 11 is the exact definition of one of the meanings of *qabachu*, e.g., **qabachuu** ... 6 catch (fire) i.e., begin to burn .

#### 5. Illustrative Sentences

Illustrative sentences are provided for most verbs and for some other entries considered to be too "difficult" to understand. Every effort has been made to ensure that the Oromo illustrative sentences are as natural as possible. However, because of cultural and linguistic differences, some of the English translations of the Oromo sentences may sound unnatural or absurd. For example, saying "Gubbanaa dhufti" is very common in Oromo, but its translation "She is coming from up place" sounds awkward. Sometimes the literal definition is also given when it is felt that the English translation, though correct, is not an exact representative of an Oromo sentence. For instance, "Humni koo gatii hin qabuu?" is translated as "Doesn't my labor have value? (lit. Doesn't my strength have value?)"

#### 6. Idioms

Any phrase the meaning of which is not clear from the meaning of each of its component parts is classified as an idiom. Such phrases are defined within the entry considered to be the most significant word, but they are not entered at their proper alphabetical places. Nor are cross-references

used, in most cases, to indicate the entry under which the idioms are defined. To illustrate the idiomatic expression *kooraa fannisuu* (to be poor) is defined under the entry for **koruu**. There is no special reason for not defining this idiom under **fannisuu**.

## 7. Hiikaan Jechoota Adda Addaa Awuu Tokko Ta'u

Alii al jechi iddo tokkotti qubeessamee bakka biraatti hiikama. Fakkeenyaaf, "danfa" qubeessanii, "See *danfuu*" jechuun "danfa" maatii isaatti makanii achitti hiikuu wayya jedhamee ijaa murteeffameef. Jechoota hiikaa tokko qabaatanu ammo, si'a lama hiikuun iddoo fi yaroo balleessuu ta'a. Fakkeenyaaf, hiikaan "amuummachuu" fi hiikaan "hamoommachuu" tokkuma. Waanti jara garaa gara godhu, akka itti dubbatamanuu ykn akka itti jedhamanu qofa. Garuu, hiikaa isaanii si'a lama qubeessuu manna "hamoommachuu" qubeessanii, "Same as *amuummachuu*" jechuun yaroo fi iddoo qusata. Akkanatti yoo dhiyaate, warri "amuummachuu" jechuu qofa beekanu "hamoommachuu" jechuunis akka danda'muu baru. Oromooti kibbaa, kaabaa, lixaa, fi dhiyaa akkanatti Afaan isaanii wali irraa baruu danda'u jedheen amana.

### Cross-references

Two phrases that are used to indicate a reference to another part of the dictionary are "See --- + entry referred to" and "Same as --- + entry referred to". The first type abounds in the dictionary because entries with related meanings, and this primarily applies to verbs, are presented together. For instance, the entries **adamoo**, **adamsa**, **adamsaa**, **adamsiisuu** are defined under **adamsuu**. Three of these four are written as "See *adamsuu*. The entry for **adamsa**, however, is written as "Same as *adamoo* under *adamsuu*".

**adamoo** See *adamsuu*

**adamsa** Same as *adamoo* under *adamsuu*

**adamsaa** See *adamsuu*

**adamsiisuu** See *adamsuu*

Although uneconomical in terms of space and time, all the derivatives are not only entered at their proper alphabetical places, but also entered under the main entry where they are defined. This has been done for the convenience of the user of this dictionary. In his/her reading, a user usu comes across a derivative like "*adamoo*" (not *adamsuu*), which he/she

may have to look up in a dictionary. So, it is important to list the derivatives in this manner.

The second type of cross-reference indicates synonymity.

Examples:

**hardha** Same as *har'a* (In this case the meaning is exactly the same, but the pronunciation is not. Incidentally, all the different pronunciations of a word are indicated so that people from different parts of Oromiyaa are made aware of the different ways a word with the same meaning may be pronounced.

**qorsa**<sup>2</sup> Same as *qoricha* (1) This shows that the meaning of *qorsa*<sup>2</sup> is the same as that of sense 1 of *qoricha*.

**afraasaa** Same as *arfaasaa* (Obviously, this is a metathesis, but still it is listed separately.)

## B. Phonological Sketch

Before going into the analysis of the Oromo sounds, I would like to emphasize that in Afaan Oromo, there is no silent, superfluous symbol such as, for instance, the "e" in the English word "make" and the "b" in "dumb". Every symbol seen is pronounced because there is one-to-one correspondence between sound and symbol. So, every geminate, every consonant or vowel that is seen, for instance, in the word "qabbaneeffachuu" has to be enunciated. Incidentally, gemination is phonemic in Afaan Oromo. Examples: *samuu* (be dirty) – *sammuu* (brain)

As already mentioned, there are **23 consonants** and **10 vowels** in Afaan Oromo.

### Consonants

15 consonant symbols and the sound they represent are similar to those of the English letters. They are **b, d, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, r, s, t, w, y**.

3 consonants are not English sounds. They are **c, q, and x**.

e.g., *xuuxuu* (to smoke)

5 consonants are diagraphs. They are **ch, dh, ny, ph, and sh**. Each of them is discussed below:

**ch** is the same as the English **ch**, as in *rich*. Example: *guchii* (ostritch).

This diagraph has three characteristics: (a) It is not common word initially. (b) Though it is not written as **chch** when geminated, **ch** should

always be considered as double or geminate when a vowel precedes it. Double consonants show that the puff of breath is very strong. So, for instance, the **ch** in *dachee* or *guchii* should be said with a very strong puff of breath because the vowels **a**, **u**, respectively, precede *dachee* and *guchii*. (c) When a consonant, which in my observation is always **l**, precedes **ch**, however, **ch** is not geminated or said with a strong puff of breath. Examples: *galchuu* (to let in) and *bulchuu* (to let spend the night)

**dh** is a glottalized alveolar; it is not an English sound. There are no rules that can explain when *dh* is geminated, i.e., when it is pronounced with a strong puff of breath or when it is pronounced with a soft puff of breath. Therefore, when it is pronounced with a strong puff of breath, it must be underlined or highlighted to indicate that it is geminated. Otherwise, how can a learner of Afaan Oromo figure out the pronunciation of *hodhuu* which is not geminated when it means "to suck" and geminated when it means "to sew"? In this dictionary, **dh** is underlined when it is geminated as in *hoddhuu* (to sew). As already stated, gemination is phonemic in Afaan Oromo.

**ny** is nasal, palatal. It is pronounced as the **gn** in the English word *cognac*. Since it is always geminated, there is no need to double it at all. Examples: *adunyaa*, *sanyii*, *moonyee*

**sh** is pronounced as the **sh** in the English word *wash*. In the majority of words in which it occurs, it is pronounced with a weak puff of breath. Examples: *ashaboo* / *bishaan*. It is geminated only in a few words like *ashuu* and *ishoo*, which are expressions, any way. **sh** is underlined when geminated.

**ph** is a glottalized labial. It is not common word initially. Like **dh**, this sound, too, can be pronounced either with a strong puff of breath or with a soft puff, and there is no rule that can explain this fact. So it must be underlined when geminated for the benefit of the learners of Afaan Oromo. In this work, **ph** has been underlined to show that it is geminated. Examples: *supphuu*, *qopheessuu*, *haphisuu*

(**ʔ**): The glottal stop is not phonemic in Afaan Oromo. However, it does occur word initially or word medially. It is used in place of **h** or **dh**. This means that the glottal stop can replace **h** if the **h** immediately precedes a vowel mostly in an initial position or sometimes word medially. Here is

a tentative formula: **h + vowel = ' + vowel**. Examples: *hagabuu* (hunger) = '*agabuu*. In this dictionary, the glottal stop sign is not used before initial vowels to avoid crowding or cramming the work with too many symbols. If a glottal sign were used, the present *aannan*, for instance, would be written strictly as '*aannan* which is the correct pronunciation.

Also, the glottal stop can be observed in different environments word medially where it is used in place of **dh**. Here are some examples:

bal'aa = baldhaa

fal'aana = faldhaana

har'a = hardha

man'ee = mandhee

Sometimes the glottal stop stands for **l**. Examples:

dhul'aa = dhullaa

qal'aa = qallaa

### Summary of the Oromo Consonants

#### Oromo Consonant Chart

Manner of Articulation	Point of Articulation					
	Labial	Alveolar	Alveolar Dental	Palatal	Velar	Glottal
<b>Stops:</b>						
Voiced	b	d	-	j	g	-
Voiceless	(p)*	t	-	ch	k	'
Glottalized:	ph	x	dh	c	q	-
Nasals:	m	n	-	ny	-	-
Liquids:	-	l/r	-	-	-	-
<b>Fricatives:</b>						
Voiced:	(v)*	(z)*	-	-	-	-
Voiceless:	f	s	-	sh	-	h
Glides:	w	y[?]	-	-	-	-

- Consonants in parentheses are sounds that occur only in non-Oromo words, mostly from European languages, and in the case of \z\ probably from the Semitic languages.

2. **Vowels:** There are five short and five long vowels.

**Short Vowels:** a, e, i, o, u



**a** is a ubiquitous sound that is pronounced as the **u** in the English word *mumble*. Word finally, however, it is pronounced as the **a** in *about* or *ego*. In other words, it is a schwa or /ə/ word finally. Example: *muka* /mukə/ (*wood*).

**e** is pronounced as the **e** in the English word *desk*, e.g., *gemmoo*

**i** is pronounced as the **i** in the English word *sit*, e.g., *bituu*

**o** is pronounced as the **o** in *lost* (BBC English), e.g., *bor*

**u** is pronounced as the **u** in the English word *put*, e.g., *butii*

### Long Vowels: aa, ee, ii, oo, uu

**aa** is pronounced approximately as in *farm*, e.g., *mataa*

**ee** is pronounced approximately as in *care*, e.g., *beela*

**ii** is pronounced approximately as in *deep*, e.g., *ciisuu*

**oo** is pronounced approximately as in *boat*, e.g., *booru*

**uu** is pronounced approximately as in *moon*, e.g., *buutii*

### Summary of the Vowels

Short			Long		
<b>i</b>		<b>u</b>	<b>ii</b>		<b>uu</b>
<b>e</b>		<b>o</b>	<b>ee</b>		<b>oo</b>
	<b>a</b>			<b>aa</b>	
	(ə)				

### C. Grammatical Sketch

Normally, the lexicon and the grammar of a language are two different domains of form deserving a separate treatment and are often traditionally treated as such. But out of consideration for the non-Oromo speaker, the author has determined to present a sketchy outline of the grammar of the language. Nevertheless, though still sketchy, the grammatical sketch in this dictionary is much more elaborately treated than it was done in the first edition published in 1989.

#### 1. Noun

**1.1 Nummber:** In spoken Oromo, plural forms are used rarely unless a certain linguistic environment forces one to use them. For instance, a person who has two or more oxen asks, "sangooti galaniirruu?" (Are the oxen brought in?" For sure, in this environment he/she won't say,

"sangaan galeeraa?" But in a statement, it is common to use numerals and quantifiers and say, " Sangaa kudhan/baay'ee qabu." (\*They have ten/many ox.)

Using the plural forms has become very popular after writing in qubee was popularized in the early 1970's. At present the plural markers are used , especially in writing, very frequently. The most common plural markers are: **-oota**, **-ota**, **-wwan**, and **-lee**. The plural marker **-oota** is suffixed if the penultimate syllable, i.e., if the syllable that occurs next to the last syllable in a word, contains a short vowel. e.g., mirga - mirgoota (right -rights), yakka -yakkoota (crime-crimes), kilabii - kilaboota (club - clubs).

The plural marker **-ota** is suffixed if the penultimate syllable, i.e. if the syllable that occurs next to the last syllable in a word, contains double vowels or a long vowel. Examples: hoolaa - hoolota (sheep- sheep), ogeessa- ogeessota (bone setter - bone setters), dhiira- dhiirota. N.B. The final vowel/vowels are removed before suffixing both **- oota/ota**.

Although it is not common in the dialect of this writer, the suffix **-wwan** is another common plural marker. It appears that it is mostly suffixed to nouns that end in double/long vowels or **-a**. e.g., *biqiltuu* - *biqiltuuwwan* (plant - plants), *hojii-ojiiwwan* (activity - activities), *buufata* - *buufatawwan* (station-stations), *sababa-sababawwan* (reason - reasons). N.B. the final vowel/vowels are not removed before suffixing **-wwan**.

The other common plural marker is **-lee**, which incidentally the speakers of this writer's dialect prefer to **-wwan**. Usually, this marker is suffixed without removing the final vowel/vowels of the singular noun. Example: dhagaa - dhagaalee (stone - stones). In rare cases, however, there is a deviation from this general principle. For instance, the final **"-a"** in "qaama" is replaced by **"o"** before suffixing **-lee**: qaama - qaamolee. Sometimes, another vowel is added to the already existing final vowel of a singular noun. Example: buufata becomes buufataalee. In some cases, one of the two final vowels is omitted. Example: jabbii becomes jabilee.

There are some irregular nouns that do not fit into the **-oota**, **-ota**, **-wwan**, or **-lee** category. They include: **(-nee)** *mana-mannee* house- houses, **(-olii)** *gaangee-gaangolii* mule-mules, haadha - haadholi, mother - mothers, **(-ee)** *farda* - *fardee* horse -horses; *laga* - *lagee* river -rivers, *muka* - *mukee* tree -trees.

Not all nouns have plural forms. Like in English, for example, the uncountable or mass nouns do not have plural forms at all. Such nouns include:

- a) **Fluids or semi-fluids:** aannan (milk), araqee (liquor), bishaan (water), bokkaa (rain), buna (coffee), dafqa (sweat), farsoo (beer), gorora (saliva), imimmaan (tears), shaayee (tea)....
- b) **Certain Solids:** biyyoo (soil), buddeena (bread), foon (meat), jirbii (cotton), lafa (land), rifeensa (hair) ....
- c) **Gases:** aara (smoke), afuura (breath) ...
- d) **Particles:** atara (pea), daakuu (flour), daaraa (ash), qamadii wheat..
- e) **Abstractions:** bareedina (beauty), bekumsa (knowledge) ...

Some of the above mass nouns, especially the ones under a), b), and c) may be followed by unit expressions such as kilograms, or any container in which they are put and weighed/measured. But the form of the unit used for weighing or measuring is not pluralized. For example, in "farsoo xoofoo sadii" (\*three cup of beer", "xoofoo" is not pluralized. Neither is "kiiloo" in " buna kiiloo shan" (coffee five kilogram). Incidentally, those who are interested in number, may refer to *Pluralization in Afaan Oromo*, probably published in the *Journal of Oromo Studies*, July-August, 2004.

**1.2 Gender:** There are various devices for marking gender:

- (a) differentiated lexical items, e.g., *abbaa* – *haadha* (father-mother)
- (b) genetic terms denoting usu animals, mark gender by adding **korma** or **kormaa** for masculine and **dhaltuu** or **haadhoo** for feminine, e.g., *saree korma* dog male, *saree dhaltuu* bitch, *kormaa indaaqqoo* cock, *indaaqqoo haadhoo* hen
- (c) form difference, e.g., *dubartii* – *dhiira* (woman – man). In some dialects, *tee* (yours) is feminine and – *kee* (yours, is masculine, sing.). In this writer's dialect, *kee* is used for both genders.

**1.3 Case:** Three major cases are touched upon here.

- (a) **Nominative:** The common nominative markers **-n**, **-ni**, and **-i** inflect the noun word finally to form the subjective case, e.g., (*mucaa* – *mucaan*) *Mucaan eessa deeme?* Where did the child go? (*nama* – *namni*) *Namni natii hime hin jiru* No person/Nobody told me. (*marga*–*margi*) *margi hin biqille* Grass has not sprouted.
- (b) **Objective:** The noun in the accusative case is unmarked, e.g., *mucaa waame* He called the child. *nama jaal'ata* He likes people. *marga cire*. He cut grass. The indirect object is in the dative case. The dative case is marked by inflecting the noun

or pronoun with **-f**, **-dhaaf**, **-tti**, **-tiif**, e.g., *mucaaf* or *mucaa dhaaf* kenni. Give it to the child. *natti kenni* Give it to me. *mucaa iseetiif jettee rakkatee*. She suffered for the sake of her child. (For detailed study of the nominative and objective case, see, "Forms of Subject and Object in Afaan Oromo" by Xilaahun Gamtaa, *The Journal of Oromo Studies*, Volume 8, Numbers 1 and 2, July 2001).

- (c) *Genitive* There are two major ways of forming the possessive case. (1) by juxtaposing two nouns in genitive relationship, e.g., *mana Boruu* (Boruu's house) *gama fardaa* (horse's mane); (2) by prefixing *kan* to nouns/pronouns and then lengthening the final vowel. Usually, **-ti** is suffixed e.g., (*intala*) *kan intalaati* It is the girl's (*isa*) *kun kan isaati* This is his. (*jara*) *kan jaraa eessa jira* Where is theirs? *kitaaba jaraa* their book

## 2. Pronoun

Table 1

### 2.1 Personal pronouns:

Person	Subject	Direct Object	Indirect Object	Possessive Suffix**
1st	<i>ani</i> /I	<i>a/na</i> me	<i>a/naa</i> for/to me	<i>koo/ti</i> my/mine
2nd	<i>ati</i> you	<i>si</i> you	<i>sii</i> for/to you	<i>kee/ti</i> your(s)
3rd (m)	<i>inni</i> he	<i>isa</i> him	<i>isaa</i> for/to him	<i>isaa/ti</i> his
3rd (f)	<i>iseen</i> she	<i>isee</i> she	<i>isee dhaa</i> for her	<i>isee/ti</i> her/hers
1st	<i>nuyi</i> we	<i>nu</i> us	<i>nuu</i> for/to us	<i>keenya/our/ours</i>
2nd	<i>isin/i</i> you	<i>isin</i> you	<i>isinii</i> for/to you	<i>keessan/</i> <i>your/yours</i> <i>pl/hon</i>
	<i>pl/hon*</i>	<i>pl/hon</i>	<i>pl/hon</i>	<i>pl/hon</i>
3rd	<i>isaan</i> they	<i>isaan</i> them	<i>isaanii</i> for/to them	<i>isaani/ti</i> <i>their/theirs</i> <i>pl/hon</i>
	<i>pl/hon</i>	<i>pl/hon</i>	<i>pl/hon</i>	<i>pl/hon</i>
3rd	<i>jarri/</i> they	<i>jara/</i> them	<i>jaraa/</i> for/to them	<i>jaraa/ti</i> their/theirs
	<i>pl.</i>	<i>pl.</i>	<i>pl.</i>	<i>pl.</i>

\* *pl/hon* = plural/honorific

\*\* Possessive suffix functions both as adjective and pronoun. The possessive adjectives are: *koo*, *kee*, *isaa*, *isee*, *keenya*, *kessan*, *isaanii*, *jaraa/jeraa* These always follow nouns; they cannot stand alone. Examples: *mana koo*, *mana isaa*, *mana isaanii* my house, his house, their house(s). Possessive pronouns can function independently as pronouns, and they are usu preceded by *kan/kun*. Examples: *kooti* It's mine. *kun kooti*. *Inni sun ammoo kan jaraati* This is mine, and that one is theirs.

- 2.2 Reflexive: *offi*; *iffi* self. This is a common reflexive pronoun, e.g., *offi fudhate* He took it for self

Table 2

### 2.3 Demonstrative:

#### Subject

*kun/kuni* this/these                      *sun/suni* that/those

#### Direct Object

*kana* this/these                      *sana* that/those

#### Indirect Object

*kanaa* for/to this/these   *kanaa* for/to this/these

Examples: *kun keet sun koot* This/These is/are mine.

That/Those is/are yours. *kanaa jedhe dhufe* He came for this/these.

Another pair of demonstrative pronouns is *akkana/akkasi* (in such a way or in such manner, e.g., *akkana/akkasi jedhii itti himi*. (Tell him like this/that).

### 2.4 Interrogative

Interrogative pronouns used as subject are *eenyu(tu)* (who), *kamtu* (which), and *maaltu* (what). Examples: *Eenyutu/kamtu/maaltu bade?* Who/Which one/What is lost?

The objective forms of these are *eenyuun* (who/whom), *kam* (which), and *maal* (what), e.g., *enyuun/kam/maal argite?* (Who/Whom/Which one/What did you see?

## 3. Adjectives

3.1 *Structure of Modification*: Normally the modified is followed by the modifier, e.g., *gurbaa dheeraa* boy tall, *intala gabaabduu* girl short

3.2 *Gender*: Gender is marked in adjectives in Afaan Oromo. In some adjectives the feminine form is inflected to mark gender, e.g., *korbeessa diimaa* ram red *hoolaa diimtuu* ewe red *dhiira iyyeessa* man poor *dubartii iyyeettii* woman poor. *gurbaa furdaa* boy fat *intala furdoo* girl fat. In rare cases the same form is used for both feminine and masculine, e.g., *sa'a adii* cow white, *sangaa adii* ox white.

3.3. *Number*: Adjectives usu form their plural as follows:

3.3.1 by duplicating the first syllable and geminating the initial consonant in the 1<sup>st</sup> syllable, e.g., *dheeraa* (tall, sing.), *dhed~~de~~heeraa* (tall, pl)

3.3.2 by not changing, e.g., *dheedhii* (unripe, sing.), *dheedhii* (unripe, pl)



3.3.3 by suffixing *-oota*, e.g., *dhukkubsataa* (sick)  
*dhukkubsatoota* (pl)

#### 4. Postpositions and Prepositions

4.1 *Postpositions*: These have the structure N + Postposition.  
Examples: *arra/irra* on, e.g., *muka arra/irra jira* It is the tree on (It is on the tree). *arraa/irraa* from/off, e.g., *muka arraa/irraa kufe* He fell the tree from/off (He fell from/off the tree. *bira/biraa* beside/away from, *cinaa* beside, *dura/duraa* in front/away from *gidduu* between, *gubbaa* on, *jala/jalaa*, under/from *keessa/keessaa* in/out of, *malee* except/without, *wajjin* with. Instances of the use of postpositions: *isee bira bule* He spent the night with her. *isa biraa fidi* Get it from him and bring it. *bosona keessaa baye* He came out of the forest. *na wajjin deema* He will go with me. (N.B. the abbreviation *prep* is used in the dictionary regardless of whether the word is preposition or postposition)

4.2 *Prepositions*: The structure of the prepositions is Preposition + N. Prepositions are fewer than postpositions. They include: *iddoo* instead of, *gara/kallattii* towards *waa'ee* about. Examples: *iddoo koo inni haa ojjatu* Instead of me let him work. *waa'ee isaa dubbatu* They are talking about him. *gara Mattuu deeme* He went towards Mattu

#### 5 Conjunctions

5.1 *Coordinating Conjunctions*: Table 3 shows the kind and representative number of conjunctions:

Table 3

Conclusive	Copulative	Explanative	Disjunctive	Oppositive
<i>egaa/yis</i> and so/ therefore	<i>ali al/al tokko</i> <i>tokko</i> and sometimes	<i>woo so</i>	<i>moo/ yookiin</i> or	<i>ha ta'u</i> <i>malee/garuu</i> however/but
<i>kanaaf/</i> <i>kanaafuu</i> and for this reason	<i>fi</i> and <i>faa/fa'i</i> and things or people like... -s and -tii/f and			

Examples: *egaa dhagayeeraa cal jedhi* And so I have heard, be quiet.  
*kanaaf biyyaa baye* And for this reason he fled the country. *ali al ni/in dhufu*  
*ali al hin dhufu* Sometimes she comes and sometimes she doesn't. *bunaa fi*  
*sogidda bituu hin irraanfatin* Don't forget to buy coffee and salt. N.B. The  
final vowel of the noun or pronoun that precedes *fi* is always long. *raafuu*  
*faa buna faa sogidda faa barbaadu* They want things like cabbage, coffee,  
and salt. *anas isas isees gaafataniiru* They have questioned him, her, and  
me. *ilma isaatiif ilma koo waamani* They called his son and my son. *nyaatee*  
*woo maaliif boowa* He has eaten, so why does he cry? *yookiin taa'i yookiin*  
*deemi* Either sit or go. *ani hin dubbanne, ha ta'uu malee/garuu baay'een aare* I  
didn't say anything, but I was very angry.

## 6. Interjections

Almost every word can be made emphatic with heightened pitch. But there is in Oromo a class of words fraught with emotional outburst of energy, and these are rightly categorized as interjections. In the dictionary an alternative term for interjection is "expression". Incidentally, also all statements in Oromo can be changed into questions by lengthening the final vowel and by using rising intonation at the end, e.g., (statement) *bor dhufa* (He will come tomorrow.) (question) *bor dhufaa*? Is he coming tomorrow?

Here is a list of some interjections and examples of their uses in sentences:

*baga: бага dhufte* You did well to come.

*boo: boo, cal jedhi* Oh, keep quiet.

*ilaa: ilaa hin irraanfatin* Look here, don't forget (what you did to me!)  
*ishoo: ishoo ilma koo* Good, my son.  
*magan: magan yaa rabbi* How wonderful!  
*moo/mu: moo/mu maaliif akkana ofa?* Oh, why does he bluff like that!  
*safuu:* Same as *magan*  
*uf:* Same as *mu*  
*uggum:* Same as *magan*

## 7 Verbs

The verb in Oromo can tentatively be considered as having two major divisions, namely, lexical (standard) and auxiliary. The auxiliary verbs are *jira* existence and *ture* past form of *jira*. In its function as auxiliary it follows the lexical verb, and it is inflected for number, gender, and person, e.g. *nyaatee jira/nyaateera* (He has eaten) *nyaatee jirti* or *nyaatteetti* (She has eaten) *nyaatee jirta/nyaatteetta* (You, sing., have eaten) *nyaadheen jira* or *nyaadheera* (I have eaten) *nyaannee jirra/nyaanneerra* (We have eaten) *nyaattanii jirtu* or *nyaattaniittu* (You pl/hon. have eaten), and *nyaatanii jiru/nyaataniiru* (They have eaten).

There are also modal auxiliaries. The writer thinks that *barbaachisuu*, *danda'uu*, *hafuu*, *ooluu*, and *ta'uu* can function as modals, i.e., verbs that show whether things are possible, doubtful, or necessary. Examples: *aara galfachuu si barbaachisa* You need to rest. *kaleessa bokkaa keessa hatuu ni/in danda'a* It is possible for him to have stolen it yesterday during the rain. *du'uu hin oolu/hin hafu* He might have died.

The lexical verbs, which comprise the bulk of the verbs in the language, are touched upon here under the topics: kind, voice, tense, infinitive, causative, and duplicative.

7.1 *Kind*: Lexical verbs can be divided into transitive and intransitive.

The transitive verbs take objects, e.g., *Gammadaan muka mure* (Gammadaa cut a tree). Certain transitive verbs mark agentive by adding *-s*, e.g., *uuroo cabse* (He broke a jar). The intransitive verbs do not take objects, e.g., *inni mucaa dha* (He is a child) *asi jirti* (She is here). *darbee darbee ni/in dhufa* (He comes once in a while).

7.2 *Voice*:: Oromo has active and passive voices.

7.2.1 *Active*: The subject is the doer of the action, e.g., *Gammadaan muka mure* (Gammadaa cut a tree).

7.2.2 *Passive*:: The passive is formed by suffixing *-am* to a transitive verb, e.g., *muki murame* (A tree was cut). The instrumental

nominative can pattern with the passive, e.g., *mukni dhagaraa dhaan murame* (A tree was cut by/with an axe). Covert agentives are also possible in the passive, e.g., *midhaan nyaatameera, ha ta'u malee dhugaatiin hin dhugamne* (Food was eaten, but drinks were not drunk). However, the covert human agentive passive is not used, e.g., *\*mukni Gammadaa dhaan murame* (A tree was cut by Gammadaa) is ungrammatical in Oromo.

7.3 Tense:: *Main clause*: The verb is the most important part of the language because it is a basic sentence pattern in itself since it comprises person, tense, gender, and number. For instance, *deemaniiru/deemteetti* stands for the sentences, "They have/She has gone". So it is important to be acquainted with the various suffixes of a verb since they are the ones that show person, tense, gender, and number. To show the various suffixes of a verb, two verbs, namely, *rafuu* and *kutachuu* are conjugated in Table 4. It is important to keep in mind that the conjugation of *rafuu* is representative of almost all the lexical verbs that end in *buu, chuu, cuu, dhuu, duu, fuu, guu, juu, kuu, luu, muu, nuu, phuu, quu, ruu, shuu, suu, tuu, and xuu*, when these endings are preceded by a vowel or vowels immediately. If a consonant precedes a verb with any of these endings, however, *-it-* is suffixed for the 1<sup>st</sup> person, sing./pl/hon. Examples: (sirbuu) ni sirbita/sirbiti/sirbitu You/She dance(s)/will dance. (kol<sup>h</sup>fuu) ati/isin/iseen ni kol<sup>h</sup>fita/kol<sup>h</sup>fitu/kol<sup>h</sup>fiti You/She laugh(s) or will laugh. Of the above endings, nine undergo some minor phonological changes for the 2<sup>nd</sup> person, sing./pl/hon or for the 3<sup>rd</sup> person, fem, sing., simple present/past tense:

<b>buu</b> becomes <b>bd-</b> e.g., (sobuu) ni sobda/sobdu/sobdi			
<b>cuu</b>	„	<b>cc-</b>	(waccuu) ni wacca/waccu/wacci
<b>duu</b>	„	<b>dd-</b>	(baduu) ni badda/baddu/baddi
<b>guu</b>	„	<b>gd-</b>	(fiiguu) ni fiigda/fiigdu/fiigdi
<b>juu</b>	„	<b>jj-</b>	(jajuu) ni jajja/jajjuu/jajji
<b>phuu</b>	„	<b>phx-</b>	(riphuu) ni riphxa/riphxu/riphxa
<b>quu</b>	„	<b>qx-</b>	(dhaquu) ni dhaqxa/dhaqxu/dhaqxi
<b>tuu</b>	„	<b>tt-</b>	(hatuu) ni hatta/hattu/hatti
<b>xuu</b>	„	<b>xx-</b>	(lixuu) ni lixxa/lixxu/lixxi

**Verbs that end in -achuu:** These function either as lexical or autobenefactive verbs. For example, *hojjachu/dubbachuu* (to work/to talk) is a lexical verb whereas *murachuu* (to cut for self) is an autobenefactive verb. Whether a verb that ends in **-achuu** is lexical or autobenefactive, the conjugation pattern is the same. In the table, the conjugation pattern of *kutachuu* is representative of all the verbs that end in **-achuu**. Keep in mind that the relevant derivatives are suffixed to the verbs that end in **-achuu** after removing **-chuu**. What remains after **-chuu** is removed from a word involved, may make sense or it may not. For example, if we remove **-chuu** from **taphachuu**, the meaningful **tapha** (game) remains. But if we remove **-chuu** from **nyaachuu**, what remains is the nonsensical **nyaa**. Also note that *in* and *ni* are interchangeable, and in the table the latter is used. Similarly, *nin* and *nan*, are interchangeable and that only *nan* is used throughout. Incidentally, some of these suffixes are also treated in the dictionary proper

Table 4

Per- son	Singular		Plural/hon	
	Positive	Negative	Positive	Negative
<b>7.3.1 Simple Present/Future</b>				
1 <sup>st</sup>	nan rafa (-a) I sleep/will sleep nan kutad <u>ha</u> (- <u>d</u> ha) I cut/will cut for self	hin rafu (-u) I don't/won't sleep hin kutad <u>hu</u> (- <u>d</u> hu) I don't/I won't cut for self	ni rafna (-na) We sleep/will sleep ni kutatna/kutanna (-tna/-nna) We cut/ will cut for self	hin rafnu (-nu) We don't/won't sleep hin kutatnu/kutannu (-tnu/-nnu) We don't/ won't cut for self
2 <sup>nd</sup>	ni rafta (-ta) You sleep/will sleep ni kutatta (-tta) You cut/will cut for self	hin raftu (-tu) You don't/ won't sleep hin kutattu (-ttu) You don't/won't cut for self	ni raftu (-tu) You sleep/will sleep ni kutattuu (-ttu) You cut/will cut for self	hin raftanu (-anu) You don't/won't sleep hin kutattanu (-ttanu) You don't/won't cut for self
3 <sup>rd</sup> (masc)	ni rafa (-a) He sleeps /will sleep ni kutata (-ta) He cuts/will cut for self	hin rafu (-u) He doesn't/won't sleep hin kutatu (-tu) He doesn't/won't cut for self	ni rafu (-u) They sleep/will sleep ni kutatu (-tu) They cut/will cut for self	hin rafanu (-anu) They don't/won't sleep hin kutatanu (-tanu) They don't/won't cut for self

3 <sup>rd</sup> (fem)	ni rafti (-ti) She sleeps/will sleep ni kutatti (-tti) She cuts/will cut for self	hin raftu (-tu) She doesn't/won't sleep hin kutattu (-ttu) She doesn't/won't cut for self	ni rafu (-u) They sleep/will sleep ni kutatu (-tu) They cut/will cut for self	hin rafanu (-anu) They don't/ won't sleep hin kutatanu (-tanu) They don't/won't cut for self
<b>7.3.2 Simple Past</b>				
1 <sup>st</sup>	nan rafe (-e) I slept nan kutad <u>he</u> (- <u>dhe</u> ) I cut for myself	hin rafne (-ne) I didn't sleep hin kutatne/kutanne (-tne/-nne) I didn't cut for self	ni rafne (-ne) We slept ni kutatne/kutanne (-tne/-nne) We cut for self	hin rafne (-ne) We didn't sleep hin kutatne//kutanne (-tne/-nne) We didn't cut for self
2 <sup>nd</sup>	ni rafte (-te) You slept ni kutatte (-tte) You cut for self	hin rafne (-ne) You didn't sleep hin kutatne/kutanne (-tne/-nne) You didn't cut for self	ni raftan (-tan) You slept ni kutattan (-ttan) You cut for self	hin rafne (-ne) You didn't sleep hin kutatne/kutanne (-tne/-nne) You didn't cut for self
3 <sup>rd</sup> (masc)	ni rafe (-e) He slept ni kutate (-te) He cut for self	hin rafne (-ne) He didn't sleep hin kutatne/kutanne (-tne/-nne) He didn't cut for self	ni rafan (-an) They slept ni kutatan (-tan) They cut for self	hin rafne (-ne) They didn't sleep hin kutatne/kutanne (-tne /-nne) They didn't cut for self
3 <sup>rd</sup>	ni rafte (-te) She slept	hin rafne (-ne) She didn't	ni rafan (-an) They slept	hin rafne (-ne) They didn't

(fem)	ni kutatte (-tte) She cut for self	sleep hin kutatne/kutanne (-tne/-nne) She didn't cut for self	ni kutatan (-tan) They cut for self	sleep hin kutatne/kutanne (-tne/-nne) They didn't cut for self
<b>7.3.3 Present Perfect</b>				
1 <sup>st</sup>	rafeera/rafeen jira (-eera/-een jira) I have slept kutad <u>h</u> eera/kutad <u>h</u> een jira (- <u>d</u> heera/- <u>d</u> heen jira) I have cut for self	rafee hin jiru* I haven't slept kutad <u>h</u> ee hin jiru I haven't cut for self	rafneerra/rafnee jirra (-neerra/-nee jirra) We have slept kutatneerra/ kutanneerra kutatnee/kutannee jirra (-tneerra/-nneerra/-nee jirra) We have cut for self	rafnee hin jirru* We haven't slept kutatnee/kutannee hin jirru We haven't cut
2 <sup>nd</sup>	raftteettaa (-tteettaa)/ raftee jirta You have slept kutatteetta (-tteetta) kutattee jirta You have cut for self	raftee hin jirtu* You haven't slept kutattee hin jirtu You haven't cut for self	raftaniittu (-taniittu) raftanii jirtu You have slept kutattaniittu (-ttaniittu) or kutattanii jirtu You have cut for self	raftanii hin jirtanu You haven't slept kutattanii hin jirtanu You haven't cut for self
3 <sup>rd</sup> (masc)	rafeera (-eera)/rafe jira He has slept	rafee hin jiru He hasn't slept	rafaniiru (-aniiru) or rafanii jiru They have	rafanii hin jiranu They haven't slept



	kutateera (-teera) or kutatee jira He has cut for self	kutatee hin jiru He hasn't cut for self	slept kutataniiru (-taniiru) or kutanii jiru They have cut for self	kutatanii hin jiranu They haven't cut for self
3 <sup>rd</sup> (fem)	rafteetti (-teetti)/ raftee jirti She has slept kutatteetti (-tteetti) /kutattee jirti She has cut for self	raftee hin jirtu She hasn't slept kutattee hin jirtu She hasn't cut for self	rafaniiru (-aniiru) rafanii jiru They have slept kutataniiru (-taniiru) or kutatanii jiru They have cut for self	rafanii hin jiranu They haven't slept kutatanii hin jiranu They haven't cut for self
<b>7.3.4 Progressive Tense:</b> (N.B. jira and ture, respectively, show present and past tense)				
1 <sup>st</sup>	rafaan/rafuuttan (- aan/-uuttan) jira/ture I am/was sleeping kutachaan/kutataan/ kutachuuttan/ kutatuuttan (-chaan/ - taan-chuuttan/ -tuuttan) jira/ture I am/was cutting for self	rafaa (-aa)/rafuutti (-uutti) hin jiru/turre I am/was not sleeping kutachaa/kutataa/ kutachuutti/kutatuutti hin jiru/turre I am/was not cutting for self	rafaa/rafuutti (-aa/- uutti) jirra/turre We are/ were sleeping kutataa/kutachaa/ kutachuutti/ kutatuutti jirra/turre We are/were cutting for self	rafaa/rafuutti hin jirru/turre We are/were not sleeping kutataa/kutachuutti/ kutatuutti hin jirru/turre We are/were not cutting for self
2 <sup>nd</sup>	rafaa/rafuutti (-aa/- uutti) jirta/turte You	rafaa/rafuutti (-aa/-uutti) hin jirtu/turre	rafaa/rafuutti (-aa/-uutti) jirtu/turtan	rafaa/rafuutti hin jirtanu/turre

	are/were sleeping kutachuutti//kutachaa/ kutataa/kutatuutti (- chuutti/-chaa/-taa/ /tuutti) jirta/turte You are/were cutting for self	You are/ were not sleeping kutataa/kutachuutti/ kutachaa/kutatuutti hin jirtu/turre You are/were not cutting for self	You are/were sleeping kutataa/kutachaa/ kutachuutti/ kutatuutti jirtu/turtan You are/were cutting for self	You are/were not sleeping kutachaa/kutataa/ kutachuutti/kutatuutti hin jirtanu/turre You are/were not cutting for self
3 <sup>rd</sup> (masc)	rafaa/rafuutti (-aa/-uutti) jira/ture He is/was sleeping kutachaa/kutataa/ kutachuutti/kutatuutti (-chaa/-taa/-chuutti/- tuutti) jira/ture He is/was cutting for self	rafaa/rafuutti hin jiru/turre He is/was not sleeping kutachaa/kutataa/ kutachuutti/kutatuutti hin jiru/turre He is/ was not cutting for self	rafaa/rafuutti (-aa/ -uutti) jiru/turan They are/were sleeping kutachaa/kutataa/ kutachuutti/ kutatuutti jiru/turan They are/were cutting for self	rafaa/rafuutti hin jiranu/turre They are/were not sleeping kutachaa/kutachuutti/ kutatuutti hin jiranuu/turre They are/were not cutting for self
3 <sup>rd</sup> (fem)	rafaa/rafuutti (-aa/ - uutti) jirti/turte She is/was sleeping kutachaa/kutataa/kut- achuutti/kutatuutti (-chaa/-taa-chuutti- tuutti) jirti/turte She is/was cutting for self	rafaa/rafuutti hin jirtu/turre She is/was not sleeping kutachaa/kutataa/ kutachuutti/kutatuutti hin jirtu/turre She is/was not cutting for self.	rafaa/rafuutti (-aa/-uutti) jiru/turan They are/were sleeping kutataa/kutachaa/ kutuachuutti/ kutatuutti jiru/turan They are/were cutting for	rafaa/rafuutti hin jiran(u)/turre They are/were not sleeping  kutataa/kutachaa/kuta- chuutti/kutatuutti hin jiranu/turre They are/were not cutting for

			self	self
7.3.5 <b>Imperative:</b> Note that only the verbs that do not end in <b>-achuu</b> end in <b>-i/-aa</b> for the 2 <sup>nd</sup> person, sing/pl/hon, if the statement is positive. Those that end in <b>-achuu</b> always end in <b>-dhuu/dhaa</b> for the 2 <sup>nd</sup> person sing./pl/hon, respectively, when the statement is positive, and in <b>-tin/tinaa</b> , respectively, when the statement is negative.				
2 <sup>nd</sup>	rafi (-i) Sleep kutad <u>h</u> u (- <u>dh</u> u) Cut for self	hin rafin (-in) Don't sleep hin kutatin (-tin) Don't cut for self	rafaa (-aa) sleep kutad <u>h</u> aa (- <u>dh</u> aa) Cut for self	hin rafinaa (-inaa) Don't sleep hin kutatinaa (-tinaa) Don't cut for self
7.3.6 <b>Jussive:</b> In addition to the imperative, there is the jussive with the sense of "let him/her/them". The form is <b>ha/haa + a verb ending in -u/-anu</b> for verbs that do not end in <b>-achuu</b> . Note the endings carefully and draw your own conclusion. In the dialect of this writer, the 2 <sup>nd</sup> person jussive, e.g., <i>ha/haa raftu/kutattu/raftanu/kutattanu</i> is not common. The imperative <i>rafi/kutad<u>h</u>u/rafaa/kutad<u>h</u>aa</i> is used instead.				
3 <sup>rd</sup> (masc)	ha/haa rafu (-u) Let him sleep ha/haa kutatu (-tu) Let him cut for self	hin rafu He doesn't/ won't sleep hin kutatu He doesn't/ won't cut for self	ha/haa rafanu (-anu) Let them sleep ha/haa kutatanu (-tanu) Let them cut for self	hin rafanu (-anu) They don't/ won't sleep hin kutatanu (-tanu) They don't/ won't cut for self
3 <sup>rd</sup> (fem)	ha/haa raftu (-tu) Let her sleep ha/haa kutattuu (-ttu) Let her cut for self	hin raftu (-tu) She doesn't/ won't sleep hin kutattu (-ttu) She doesn't/ won't cut for self	ha/haa rafanu (-anu) Let them sleep ha/haa kutatanu (-tanu) Let them cut for	hin rafanu (-anu) They don't/ won't sleep hin kutatanu (-tanu) They don't/ won't cut for self

			self	
<b>7.3.7 Subordinate Clause: Simple Present/Past:</b> <i>atuu/utuu</i> or <i>osoo</i> are interchangeable, but the former is used here.				
1 <sup>st</sup>	atuu rafuu (-uu) while I am/was sleeping atuu kutad <u>h</u> uu (- <u>d</u> huu) while I am/was cutting for self	atuu hin rafnee (-nee) or atuu rafuu baad <u>h</u> ee if I hadn't slept atuu hin kutatnee/ kutanee (-tnee/-nnee) or atuu kutachuu baad <u>h</u> ee if I hadn't cut for self	atuu rafnuu (-nuu)/ while we are/were sleeping atuu kutatnuu/ kutannuu (-tnuu/ -nuu) while we are/were cutting for self	atuu hin rafnee/atuu rafuu baannee if we hadn't slept atuu hin kutatnee/ kutanee/atuu kutatuu/kutachuu baannee if we hadn't cut for self
2 <sup>nd</sup>	atuu raftuu (-tuu) while you are/were sleeping atuu kutattuu (-ttuu) while you are/were cutting for self	atuu hin rafnee/atuu rafuu baattee if you hadn't slept atuu hin kutatnee/ kutanee/atuu kutachuu baattee if you hadn't cut for self	atuu raftanuu (-tanuu) while you are/were sleeping atuu kutattanuu (-ttanuu) while you are/were cutting for self	atuu hin rafnee/atuu rafuu baattanii if you hadn't slept atuu hin kutatnee/ kutanee or atuu kutachuu baattanii if you hadn't cut for self
3 <sup>rd</sup> (masc)	atuu rafuu (-uu) while he is/was sleeping utuu kutatuu (-tuu) while he is/was cutting for self	atuu rafuu baatee/ atuu hin rafnee if he hadn't slept atuu kutachuu baatee/ atuu hin kutatnee/ kutanee if he hadn't cut for self	atuu rafanuu (-anuu) while they are/were sleeping atuu kutatanuu (-tanuu) while they are/were cutting for	atuu hin rafnee/rafuu baatanii if they hadn't slept atuu hin kutatnee/ kutanee or atuu kutachuu baatanii if they hadn't cut for self

			self	
3 <sup>rd</sup> (fem)	atuu raftuu (-tuu) while she is/was sleeping atuu kutattuu (-ttuu) while she is/was cutting for self	atuu hin rafnee/atuu rafuu baattee if she hadn't slept atuu hin kutannee/atuu kutachuu baattee if she hadn't cut for self	atuu rafanuu (-anuu) while they are/were sleeping atuu kutatanuu (-tanuu) while they are/were cutting for self	atuu hin rafnnee/atuu rafuu baatnii if they hadn't slept atuu hin kutatnee/kutannee/atuu kutachuu/kutatuu baatanii if they hadn't cut for self
7.3.8	<b>Questions that require "yes" or "no" answer:</b> Here an example is provided for Present/Future, Past, Perfect, and jussive, in that order.			
1 <sup>st</sup>	nan rafaa (-aa)? Am I to sleep? nan rafee (-ee)? Did I sleep? rafeeraa (-eeraa)? rafeen jiraa? Have I slept? rafuu (-uu)? May/Shall I sleep? nan kutad <del>h</del> aa (-d <del>h</del> aa)? Am I to cut for self? kutad <del>h</del> ee (-d <del>h</del> ee)? Did I cut for self?	hin rafuu (-uu)? Don't/Won't I sleep? hin rafnee (-nee)? Didn't I sleep? rafeen hin jiruu? Haven't I slept? hin rafuu (-uu)? Don't/Won't I sleep? hin kutad <del>h</del> uu (-d <del>h</del> uu)? Don't/Won't I cut for self? hin kutatnee/kutannee (-tnee/nnee)? Didn't I cut	ni rafnaa (-naa?) Do/Shall we sleep? ni rafnee (-nee) Did we sleep? rafneerraa/rafnee jiraa? Have we slept? rafnuu/ha/haa rafnuu? Is it OK if we sleep? ni kutatnaa/kutannaa? Are we to cut for self? kutatnee/kutannee? Did we cut for self? kutatneerraa/	hin rafnuu? Don't/Won't we sleep? hin rafnee? Didn't we sleep? rafnee hin jiruu? Haven't we slept? hin rafnuu? Don't/Won't we sleep? hin kutatnuu/kutannuu? Don't/Won't we cut for self? hin kutatnee/kutannee? Didn't we cut for self?

	kutad <u>h</u> heeraa/ kutad <u>h</u> heen jiraa (- <u>d</u> heeraa)? Have I cut for self? kutad <u>h</u> uu (- <u>d</u> huu)? May/Shall I cut for self?	for self? kutad <u>h</u> ee hin jiruu? Have I not cut for self? hin kutad <u>h</u> uu? Won't I cut for self?	kutan <u>n</u> neerraa? kutatnee/kutannee jiraa? Have we cut for self? kutatnuu/kutannuu? ha/haa kutatnuu/ kutannuu Shall we cut for self?	kutatnee/kutannee hin jiruu? Haven't we cut for self? hin kutatnuu/kutannuu? Don't/Won't we cut for self?
2 <sup>nd</sup>	ni raftaa (-taa)? Do/Will you sleep? ni raftee (-tee)? Did you sleep? rafteettaa (-teettaa)/ raftee jirtaa? Have you slept? ni raftaa? Do/Will you sleep? ni kutattaa (-ttaa) Will/Do you cut for self? ni kutattee (-ttee) Did you cut for self? kutatteettaa/kutattee jirtaa? Have you cut for self?	hin raftuu (-tuu)? Don't/Won't you sleep? hin rafnee (-nee)? Didn't you sleep? raftee hin jirtuu? Haven't you slept? hin raftuu? Don't/Won't you sleep? hin kutattuu? Won't you cut for self? hin kutatnee/kutannee? Didn't you cut for self? kutattee hin jirtuu? Haven't you cut for self? hin kutattuu? Won't you	ni raftuu (-tuu)? Do/Will you sleep? ni raftanii (-tanii)? Did you sleep? raftaniittuu/raftanii jirtuu (-taniittuu) ? Have you slept? ni kutattuu (-ttuu)? Will you cut for self? ni kutattanii (-ttanii)? Did you cut for self? kutattaniittuu/ kutattanii jirtuu? Have you cut for self? ni kutattuu? Do/Will	hin raftanuu (-tanuu) Won't you sleep? hin rafnee (-nee)? Didn't you sleep? raftanii hin jirtanuu ? Haven't you slept? hin kutattanuu? Won't you cut for self? hin kutatnee/kutannee? Didn't you cut for self? kutattanii hin jirtanuu? Haven't you cut for self? Hin kutattanuu? Won't you cut for self?

	ni kutattaa? Will/Do you cut for self?	cut for self?	you cut for self?	
3 <sup>rd</sup> (masc)	ni rafaa (-aa)? Does/ Will he sleep? ni rafee (-ee) Did he sleep? rafeeraa (-eeraa)/ rafee jiraa? Has he slept? ha/haa rafuu (-uu)? Is it OK if he sleeps? ni kutataa (-taa) Is/Will he cut for self? ni kutatee (-ee)? Did he cut for self? kutateeraa (-eeraa)/ kutatee jiraa? Has he cut for self? ha/haa kutatuu (-tuu)? Is it OK if he cuts for self?	hin rafuu (-uu)? Doesn't/Won't he sleep? hin rafnee (-nee)? Didn't he sleep? rafee hin jiruu? Hasn't he slept? hin rafuu? Won't he sleep? hin kutatuu? Doesn't/Won't he cut for self? hin kutatnee/kutannee? Didn't he cut for self? kutatee hin jiruu? Hasn't he cut for self? hin kutatuu? Won't he cut for self?	ni rafuu (-uu)? Do/Will they sleep? ni rafanii (-anii)? Did they sleep? rafaniiruu (-aniiruu)? Have they slept? Ha/Haa rafanuu (-anuu)? Is it OK if they sleep? ni kutatuu (-tuu)? Will/Do they cut for self? ni kutatanii (-tanii)? Did they cut for self? kutataniiruu (-aniiruu) kutatanii jiruu? Have they cut for self? Ha/Haa kutatanuu (-anuu)? Is it OK if they cut for self?	hin rafanuu (-anuu) Don't/Won't they sleep? hin rafnee? Didn't they sleep? rafanii hin jiranuu? Haven't they slept? hin rafanuu? Don't/Won't they sleep? hin kutatanuu? Don't/Won't they cut for self? hin kutatnee/kutannee? Didn't they cut for self? kutatanii hin jiranuu? Haven't they cut for self? hin kutatanuu? Won't/Don't they cut for self?

<p>3<sup>rd</sup> (fem)</p>	<p>ni raftii (-tii)? Does/Will she sleep? ni raftee (-tee)? Did she sleep?rafteettii (-teettii)/raftee jirtii? Has she slept? Ha/Haa raftuu? Is it OK if she sleeps? ni kutattii (-ttii)? Does/Will she cut for self? ni kutattee (-ttee)? Did she cut for self? kutatteettii (-tteettii)/kutattee jirtii? Has she cut for self? ha/haa kutattuu? Is it OK if she cuts for self</p>	<p>hin raftuu (-tuu)? Doesn't/Won't she sleep? hin rafnee (-nee)? Didn't she sleep? raftee hin jirtuu? Hasn't she slept? hin raftuu? Won't/Doesn't she sleep? hin kutattuu (-ttuu)? Don't/Won't she cut for self? hin kutatnee/kutannee (-tnee/-nnee)? Didn't she cut for self? kutattee hin jirtuu? Hasn't she cut for self? hin kutattuu? Won't she cut for self?</p>	<p>ni rafuu (-uu)? Do/Will they sleep? ni rafanii (-anii)? Did they sleep? rafaniiruu (-aniiruu) Have they slept? Ha/Haa rafanuu? Is it OK if they sleep? ni kutatuu (-atuu)? Does/Will they cut for self? ni kutatanii (-tanii)? Did they cut for self? kutataniiruu (-taniiruu)/kutatanii jiruu? Have they cut for self? Ha/Haa kutatnuu? Is it OK if they cut for self?</p>	<p>hin rafanuu (-anuu)? Won't/Don't they sleep? hin rafnee (-nee) Didn't they sleep? rafanii hin jiranuu? Haven't they slept? hin rafanuu? Don't/Won't they sleep? hin kutatanuu? Don't/Won't they cut for self? hin kutatnee/kutannee (-tnee/-nnee) Didn't they cut for self? kutatanii hin jiranuu Haven't they cut for self? hin kutatanuu? Don't/Won't they cut for self?</p>

\* In the writer's dialect, the negative form of the perfect tense is the same as that of the simple past tense



7.3.9 The endings **-aawuu**, **-’uu**, **-nyuu**, **-wuu**, and **-yuu** were not included in Table 4 because they seem to be exceptions to the rule. All the verbs that end in **-aawu**, however, are conjugated exactly as **machaawuu** in the example in Table 5. But the same cannot be said for those that end in **-a’uu**.

**-aawuu**: Over one hundred verbs end in this suffix. For the 1<sup>st</sup> person pl/hon, 2<sup>nd</sup> person sing./pl/hon, and the 3<sup>rd</sup> person/sing./fem, positive, **-aawuu** changes to **-oft/-oyit-**. See the conjugation of **machaawuu** (be drunk) in Table 5. All the examples illustrate only the present/future, past, and the present perfect tenses. Also gloss is not provided.

**-a’uu**: Over one hundred twenty verbs end in this suffix. Over eighty of them change to **-aa** while over forty of them change to **-oft/-oyit-** for the 1<sup>st</sup> person pl, 2<sup>nd</sup> person, sing./pl, or for the 3<sup>rd</sup> person, sing./fem. If the vowel in the initial syllable of a verb is short, **-a’uu** usu changes to **-aa**, e.g., (dhama’uu) ni/in dhamaane (We were overworked); ni/in dhamaate (You, sing., were overworked); ni/in dhamaatan (You, pl/hon, were overworked); ni/in dhamaate (She was overworked). If the vowel in the initial syllable is long, however, it usu changes to **-oft/-oyit-**, e.g., (gooba’uu) ati ni/in goobofte/gooboyite (You, sing., bent); isin ni/in gooboftan/gooboyitan (You, pl/hon, bent); nuyi ni goobofne/gooboyi(t)ne (We bent); iseen ni/in goobofte/gooboyite (She bent). See Table 5 for the conjugation of **ka’uu** (get up) and **beela’uu** (be hungry)

**-nyuu**: There is no verb that ends in **-nyuu**.

**-wuu/-yuu**: Verbs that end in these suffixes usu have the same meaning. See table 5 for the conjugation of **boowuu/booyuu** (cry).

Table 5

Person	Singular		Plural	
	Positive	Negative	Positive	Negative
1 <sup>st</sup>	nan machaaya (-ya) nan machaaye (-e) ani machaayeera ani machaayeen jira nan ka'a (-'a) nan ka'e (-e) ka'eera (ka'een jira) nan beel'a (-'a) nan beela'e beela'eera (beela'een jira) nan boowa (-a) nan booya (-a) nan boowe/booye booyeen jira (booyeera)	hin machaawu (-u) hin machoofne (-oofne/- ooyine) hin machoofne machaayee hin jiru hin ka'u (- 'u) hin kaane hin kaane (ka'ee hin jiru) hin beela'u (-'u) hin beelofne hin beelofne (beela'ee hin jiru) hin boowu (-u) hin booyu hin booye hin booye (booye hin jiru)	ni machoofna (-oofna) ni machoofne (-oofne/ooyine) machoofneerra machoofne jirra ni kaana (-ana) ni kaane kaaneerra (kaane jirra) ni beelofana (-ofna) ni beelofne beelofneerra (beelofne jirra) ni boonya (-nya) ni boonye boonyeerra (boonyee jirra)	hin machoofnu (-oofnu) hin machoofne hin machoofne machoofne hin jirru hin kaanu hin kaane hin kaane (kaane hin jirru) hin beelofnu hin beelofne hin beelofne (beelofne hin jirru) hin boonyu hin boonye (boonye hin jirru)

2 <sup>nd</sup>	ni machoofa (-oofa) ni machofte (-ofte) machoofteetta (machoofte jirta) ni kaata (-ata) ni kaate kaateetta/kaate jirta (-ateetta) ni beelofa (-ofta) ni beelofte (-ofte) beelofteetta (beeloftee jirta)  ni boossa (-ssa) ni boosse (-sse) boosseetta (boosse jirta)	hin machoofu (-oofu) hin machoofne (-oofne) machooftee hin jirtu hin kaatu (- atu) hin kaane kaate hin jirtu  hin beelofu (-oftu) hin beelofne (-ofne) hin beelofne (beelote hin jirtu) hin boossu (-ssu) hin boonye (-oonye) hin boonye (boosse hin jirtu)	ni machoofu (-oofu) ni machoofan (- oofan) machoofaniittu  ni kaatu (-atu) ni kaatan kaataniittu (kaatani jirtu) ni beelofu (-oftu) ni beelofan (-oftan beelofaniittu (beelofani jirtu) ni boossu (-ssu) ni boossan (-ssan) boossaniittu (boossani jirtu)	hin machoofanu hin machoofne machoofani hin jirtanu hin kaatanu hin kaane hin kaane (kaatani hin jirtanu) hin beelofanu hin beelofne hin beelofne (beelofani hin jirtanu) hin boossanu hin boonye hin boonye (boossani hin jirtanu)
3 <sup>rd</sup> (masc)	ni machaaya ni machaaye machaayeera/ machaayee jira ni ka'a ni ka'e ka'eera/ka'ee jira ni beela'a ni beela'e	hin machaawu hin machoofne hin machoofne / machaaye hin jiru	ni machaawu ni machaayaan machaayaanii jiru/ machaayani jiru ni ka'u ni ka'ani ka'aniiru/ka'anii jiru ni beela'u	hin machaayanu hin machoofne hin machoofne/ machaayani hi jiranu hin ka'anu

	beela'eera/beela'e e jira ni boowa/booya ni boowe/booye booyeera/booye jira	hin ka'u hin kaane hin kaane/ka'e e hin jiru hin beela'u hin beelofne hin beelofne/ beel'ae hin jiru hin boowu hin boonye hin boonye/bo oye hin jiru	ni beela'an beelofneerra/ beelofne jirra ni boowu ni boowan booyaniiru/ booyanii jiru	hin kaane hin kaane/ka'ani i hin jiranu hin beela'anuu hin beelofne hinbeelofne/ beelofne hin jirru hin boowanu hin boonye hin boonye/ booyanii hin jiranu
3 <sup>rd</sup> (fem)	ni machoofti ni machoofte machofteetti/ machofte jirti ni kaati ni kaate kaateetti/kaate jirti ni beelofti ni beelofte beelofteetti/ beelofte jirti	hin machoftu hin machofne hin machofne/ machofte hin jirtu hin kaatu hin kaane hin kaane/kaat e hin jirtu hin beeloftu hin beelofne hin beelofne/ beelofte hin jirtu	ni machaawu ni machaayan machaayaniiru/ machaayanii jiru ni ka'u ni ka'an ka'aniiru/ ka'anii jiru ni beela'uu ni beela'an beela'aniiru/ beela'anii jiru	hin machaayanu hin machofne hin machofne/ machaayanii hin jiranu hin ka'anu hin kaane hin kaane/ ka'anii hin jiranu hin beela'anu hin beelofne hin beelofne/ beela'anii hin jiranu

7.4 *Infinitive*: The infinitive is formed by suffixing **-uu**. Example: **daafuu** (to panick).

Note that in the gloss of all the verb entries, "to" has been omitted for reasons of economy. The infinitive has both the nominal and verbal function, e.g., nominal: **iddoo tokko ijaajjuu manna sosocho'uu wayya** (Instead of standing in one place, it's better to move around); verbal: **sirbuu dhufe** (He came to dance).

The writer believes that the best vantage point for studying Oromo verbs is the infinitive. When the infinitive marker is removed, what remains is the root of the verb. In the case of verbs that end in **-achuu**, **-chuu** is removed.

Examples:      *arguu* - *arg-*  
                     *argachuu* - *arga-*

Of course, since such roots (*arg-/arga-*) don't make much sense to a native speaker, they have not been used in the dictionary. Pedagogically, too, it would be much easier for a student to understand that he/she removes

**-uu** before suffixing the derivatives, e.g., *-e/-ite/-an/-ine* to *arg-*, (*arge/argite/argan/argine*). As already stated, in the case of **-achuu** ending,

**chuu** is removed before suffixing (*-dhe/-tte/-tan/-anne*), etc., to *arga-*.

7.5 *Causative*: Verbs in general form the causative by suffixing *-sis*, *-siis*, *-is*, *-iis*.

These suffixes are phonologically conditioned variants of the same meaning.

Except for *du'uu* (die) and the like, a good number of verbs, whether transitive or intransitive, can take these suffixes.

Examples are: (*daakuu/hiikuu*) - *daaksis/hiiksis* (cause sb grind/untie). Note that if the

vowel in the penultimate syllable is long, *-sis-* is suffixed. If the vowel in the penultimate syllable is short, *siis* is suffixed. Examples: (*tufuu/aramuu*) - *tufsiis/aramsiis*. If the vowel in the penultimate is long, however, *sis* is suffixed. Examples: (*baachuu/kaachuu*) - *baachis/kaachis* (cause to carry/run). If a vowel preceding **-chuu** in verbs that end in **-achuu** is short, *-iis-* is suffixed. Examples: (*dubbachuu/taphachuu*) - *dubbachiis/taphachiis* (cause to talk/play). If the verb that precedes **-chuu** is long, *-is-* is suffixed. Examples: *kaachuu-kaachis* cause to run; *maraachuu-maraachis*

7.6 *Duplicative*: Verbs expressing repetitive actions or intensity duplicate the initial syllable and geminate the initial consonant of that same syllable.

Examples: *cabsuu* (broke) – *caccabse* (broke into pieces)  
*deebi'uu* (return) – *deddeebi'uu* (return several times)

There are certain duplicates that do not have base forms, e.g., *lulluuqqachuu* (rinse the mouth); *gaggabuu* (faint).

## 8. Adverbs

In Oromo, normally adverbs precede the verb or the adjective

Examples:

*kaleessa deeman* (They left yesterday).

*iseen baay'ee dheertuu dha* (She is very tall).

Adverbs can be classified into six types:

8.1 manner, e.g., *suuta/qalbii dhaan* (slowly/carefully)

8.2 place, e.g., *gubbaa/godana* (up/down there)

8.3 quantity/intensity, e.g., *hedduu/danuu* (many/much/very)

8.4 time, e.g., *har'a/barana* (today/this year)

8.5 reason, e.g., *ijaa/kanaafuu* (because/for this reason)

8.6 question-word adverbs, e.g., *eessa/maaliif/yoom*  
(where/why/when)

## Notes

1. Prior to February 1974 the non-Oromo people had used the pejorative word, "Galla" to refer to both the Oromo people and their language Afaan Oromo. Since then, however, this glaring mistake has been corrected, and at present the preferred word "Oromo" by which all Oromos call themselves from time immemorial, is accepted and used officially or otherwise.
2. The computer used in writing the present dictionary is Microsoft Word 2000. In writing the previous dictionary, everything was done manually, including arranging the words in alphabetical order!
3. The preparation of this dictionary began on August 11, 2002; the 1<sup>st</sup> draft was completed on May 19, 2003.
4. Writing English-Oromo- Dictionary has to be postponed for financial reasons.
5. This writer, himself a native speaker of Oromo from Iluu Abbaa Booraa, had taught English in Elementary and Secondary Schools in eastern, southern, western Oromiyaa, and Finfinnee (renamed Addis Ababa after the conquest of Oromiyaa in the late 1980's) before

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6. In Random House Webster's College Dictionary, McGRAW-HILL Edition, 1991, morpheme is defined as any of the minimal grammatical units of a language, each constituting a word or meaningful part of a word that cannot be divided into smaller meaningful parts. For instance, *-e* is a meaningful part or suffix which indicates the simple past tense.
7. In some cases it has been impossible to give even an extended definition. For instance, some animals, diseases, and plants have been vaguely labeled as "a kind of animal, disease, or plant". This aspect of the work calls for further field research.

## English Abbreviations Used in the Dictionary

adj	adjective
adv	adverb
cf	compare (Latin: <i>confer</i> )
conj	conjunction
e.g.,	example ( <i>exempli gratia</i> )
fem	feminine
fig	figurative
hon	honorific
i.e.,	that is ( <i>id est</i> )
imper	imperative
int	interjection
iv	intransitive verb
lit	literary
masc	masculine
pl	plural
prep	preposition
pron	pronoun
sb	somebody
sing.	singular
single slash /	between words means "or", e.g.,
be/become	
sth	something
tv	transitive verb
usu	usually



"p" stands for a page where an initial letter of a word starts:

p45 = a  
p105= b  
p168 = c  
p198 = ch  
p199 = d  
p252 = dh  
p291 = e  
p302 = f  
p340 = g  
p416= h  
p459 = i/I  
p479 = j  
p496 = k  
p533 = l  
p560 = m  
p609 = n  
p619 = ny  
p621 = o/O  
p637 = p  
p637 = ph  
p637 = q  
p692 = r  
p709 = s  
p754 = sh  
p765 = t  
p796 = u  
p812 = v  
p812 = w  
p839 = x  
p852 = y  
p863 = z

## THE DICTIONARY PROPER

### a/aa/A/AA

- a<sup>1</sup>** If a verb ends in *buu, cuu, duu, dhuu, fuu, kuu, luu, muu, nuu, ruu, suu, tuu* for the 1st person, sing. or the 3rd person, sing., masc, simple present/future tense, **-a** is suffixed after removing *-uu*. Examples:  
*(sobuu) nan/nin soba* I lie/will lie. *inni gaaf hundumaa in/ni soba* He always lies. *(gatu) asittan gata* I will throw it away here. *inni ammo achitti gata* And he will throw it away there. *(deemuu) borin deema* I will go tomorrow. *inni har'a deema* He will go today. *(dhufuu) yoom dhufa?* When will he come?
- a<sup>2</sup>** prefixed to a verb, it is used to express the imperfective jussive in the third person, singular, plural or honorific *adeemtu* Let her go. *adeemu* Let him go. *ataphattu*. Let her play. *ataphatu* Let him play *ataphatanu* Let them play.
- aa<sup>1</sup>** suffixed to a verb, it expresses jussive, i.e. mild command directed to the second person, pronoun *you*, plural or honorific *bor kottaa* Come tomorrow.
- aa<sup>2</sup>** suffixed to some verbs, it functions as a participial adjective *uuroo cabaa* a broken jar *nama beekamaa dha* He is a well known man.

**aa<sup>3</sup>** Same as *a<sup>2</sup>*

**aa<sup>4</sup>** Suffixed to verbs, it functions as a present progressive tense marker. *(dhufuu) dhufaa jira/jirti /jiru/jirra* He/She/They /We is/are coming.

**a'a 1** (expression) hush; listen *a'a maaltu sokoksa?* Hush, what is it that's making noise? **2** expression of distress, usu heard when a person groans *a'a, a'a na dhukkuba*. Aha, aha, I'm ill.

**a'aa** (interrogative expression) Really? e.g., Speaker A: *Obboleettiin kee dhufteetti* (Your sister has come) Speaker B: *a'aa?* Really?

**aabba** *n* deity; spirit

**aabbee** *n* a term used among male friends for addressing each other. It indicates a greater degree of closeness than *obboo*; comrade, friend, or pal *aabbee eessa deemta?* Where are you going to, pal?

**aable** Same as *aalbee*

**aabudoo** Same as *garaa laafina* under *garaa*

**aadaa<sup>1</sup>** *n* culture; custom *mootummaan habashaa aada* Oromoo *balleessuuf tattaafachuu dhiisee hin beeku* Abyssinian governments have never given up trying to destroy Oromo culture.

**aadaa<sup>2</sup>** *n* clan *aadaan koo gara Waarsuut* I belong to the Waarsuu clan

**aaddachuu** See *aaduu<sup>3</sup>*

**aadamuu** See *aaduu<sup>3</sup>*

**aaddannaa** See *aaduu*<sup>3</sup>

**aaddee** *n* 1 used by children for addressing or referring to their mothers 2 a term of endearment used with female humans; dear *maal taate aaddee koo?* What happened to you my dear? 3 a term of respect a younger brother uses to address or refer to his elder sister 4 Ms/Mrs *Aaddee Fayisee* Ms/Mrs. Fayisee **aaddoo** *n* potter; professional class of potters

**aadee** *n* a kind of tree the branch of which is usu used as a toothbrush

**aadigaa** Same as *aadee*

**aadsisuu** Same as *aadda-chiisuu* under *aaduu*<sup>3</sup>

**aaduu**<sup>1</sup> *iv* 1 groan; moan, i.e., make a low, deep sound expressive of pain or grief *mataa bowwuu dhaa jettee akkana aaddaa?* Are you groaning so much because of a headache? 2 groan, i.e., suffer injustice or oppression *yoo namni sitti aade siif gaarii miti* It is not good for you if people groan (because you had wronged them) 3 (used of lions) roar; make the characteristic sound of an owl *eda leencii asuma dhiyoo dhaa aadaa ture* Last night a lion was roaring nearby *urunguun maaliifaaddi, eenyutu du'a laata* Why is an owl hooting, who is going to die? (superstition) 4 be jealous of *barana ijaa qonnaan koo naa toleef natti aaduu jalqaban* They have

started to be jealous of me because my crop has become a success this year **aannaa** *n* groan; roar *eda aannaa leencaan dhagaye* I heard the roars of a lion last night

**aaduu**<sup>2</sup> *n* knife; razor blade

**aaduu**<sup>3</sup> *tv* shave *mataa isaa aaddee miidhagsitee mana barnootaatti geessite* She shaved his head, groomed him and took him to school **aadamuu** *iv* be shaved *reeffii osoo hin aadamin hin owwaalamu* A corpse has to be shaved before interment.

**aaddachiisuu** *tv* cause to shave *mataa isaa aaddachiisanii mana hiidhaa keessa isa buusan* They had his head shaved and sent him to prison **aaddachuu** *tv* shave *mataa isaas areeda isaas aaddateera* He has shaved both his head and his beard *Bara durii, yeroo gaddaa malee, dubartiin mataa hin addattu. Awuu gaddaa garuu, mataa aaddattee kirrii adii mormatti hidhatti.* Traditionally, unless there was mourning, women never shaved. During mourning, however, they shaved their heads and wore white, cotton threads around their necks *Dhiirri amma ajjeesee dhiirummaa isaa mirkanessutti mataa isaa hinaaddatu* Men had to shave their heads all the time until they proved their virility by killing big game or an enemy **aaddannaa** *n* shaving

**aafoo** Same as *albaadhessa*

**aaga** *n* 1 (usu used in greeting)  
 peace or well-being i.e., in what  
 state of health or condition *aaga*  
*bultanii* ? Good morning, how  
 are you? *Biyyii/biitii aagaa*? How  
 is the country, i.e., is it peaceful,  
 prosperous, etc? 2 good news;  
 tidings *gurri kee aaga ha dhagawu*  
 May you hear good news. 3  
 peace

**aaajaa** See *aaajja'achuu*

**aaajjaa** *n* oat; see also *omborii*

**aaajja'achuu** *iv* slave; toil and moil,  
 or work hard (for self), usu to  
 earn a living *niitiin isaa ni*  
*aaajja'atti guutuufii dide malee*  
 Though she has not been self-  
 sufficient, his wife works hard,  
 i.e., for self. **aaajaa** *n* affair,  
 business, or duty *asii aaajaa*  
*qabdaa*? Do you have some  
 business here? **aaajja'attuu** *adj*  
 (usu of females) hardworking;  
 never idle *intalli kun aaajja'attuu*  
*dha* This girl is hardworking.

**aaajja'ttuu** See *aaajja'achuu*

**aaajjoo** *n* product; production

**aala** *n* 1 future; prospect *hojii*  
*argachuun isaa aala hin qabu* The  
 prospect of his finding a job is  
 nil 2 shame *aala dhabeettiin bukoo*  
*liqeeffatti* A shame less woman  
 borrows dough

**aalaa** *n* (usu preceded by *agadaa*)  
 the whole sorgho or sugar cane  
*agadaa aalaa tokko keenniiif* Give  
 him one whole sugar cane, i.e.,  
 without breaking it into pieces.

**aalaan** Same as *aalchaan*

**aalbee** *n* knife

**aalboo** *n* anklet

**aalbuu** Same as *aalboo*

**aalcha** *n* 1 Same as *aala* (1) 2 clear  
 cut pattern; proper *hojiin isaa*  
*aalcha hin qabu* There is no clear  
 cut pattern in the way he does  
 things

**aalchaan** *adv* manner of  
 communicating indirectly by  
 expressions, gestures, or  
 implications *akkan hin dubbanne*  
*aalchaan natti hime* He gave me a  
 hint that I should not say  
 anything

**aaloo** *n* grudge, rancor, or spite  
*aaloo narraa qabdaa*? Do you have  
 a grudge against me ?

**aalumaa** Same as *liimmaa*

**aaluu** *iv* deny, i.e., refuse to  
 acknowledge *doolarii dhibba*  
*narraa liqeeffatee na aale* He  
 denied having borrowed one  
 hundred dollars from me.

**aama** Same as *haama* under  
*haamuu*

**a'ama** Same as *ha'oo*

**aamaa** Same as *haamaa* under  
*haamuu*

**aammachiisuu** See *aammachuu*<sup>1</sup> (2)

**aammachuu**<sup>1</sup> *iv; tv* 1 embrace; hug  
*na aammattee na dhungatte* She  
 embraced me and kissed me 2  
 (of hens) sit, i.e., remain on a  
 nest in order to hatch eggs  
*indaaqqoon koo aammatteetti* My  
 hen has sat. *kan koos aammachuu*  
*barbaaddi* Mine, too, wants to sit.  
**aammachiisuu** *tv* (of hens) cause  
 to sit *indaaqqoo kee ni gurgurta*  
*moo ni aammachiifta*? Are you

planning to sell your hen or are you going to let her sit, i.e., in order to hatch the eggs?  
**aammachuu**<sup>2</sup> Same as *haammachuu* under *haamuu*  
**aamsifachuu** Same as *haamsifachuu* under *haamuu*  
**aamsisuu** Same as *haamsisuu* under *haamuu*  
**aamtuu** Same as *haamtuu* under *haamuu*  
**aamuu** Same as *haamuu*  
**anaa** *n* 1 administrative district smaller than *godina* but larger than *ganda* 2 distant relative  
**anan** Same as *aannan*  
**ancaa** *n* sisal rope  
**anca'uu** Same as *lincica'uu*  
**aangomsuu** *tv* empower **aangoo** *n* physical strength *gurbaan kun aangoo hin qabu* This boy has no strength. See also *humna*<sup>1</sup>  
**anjessuu** *tv* facilitate *haala anjessuu* facilitate the situation  
**aannaa** See *aaduu*<sup>1</sup>  
**aannan** *n* 1 milk *aannan osoo hin danfisín yoo dhugan dhukkuba sombaa fiduu ni danda'a* Drinking milk before boiling it, could cause lung disease 2 latex, i.e., milky sap  
**aannannaawuu** *iv* 1 (of barley and wheat) be/become almost ripe because the seeds have formed milky liquid or sap *garbuun aannannaayeera* The barley has formed sap 2 milk well *sa'i koo baay'ee aannannoofti* My cow gives plenty of milk

**aannan mukaa** *n* milk-like liquid in some plants  
**aannanee** a kind of tree  
**aannanoo** Same as *aannanee*  
**aannawuu** Same as *aannannaawuu*  
**aannoo** Same as *aannan*  
**aannolee** *n* 1 cattle *annolee meeqa qabdi?* How many head of cattle does she have? 2 a cow that is not dry, i.e., that is still yielding milk  
**aanquu** *n* 1 medicinal plant, the fruit of which is used to purge the bowels of tapeworms 2 a kind of worm, probably a tapeworm  
**aansuu** See *aanuu*  
**aantaa** *n* dregs from processed butter  
**aantee** Same as *aantii*  
**aantii** *n* blood, next of kin, or very close relationship *nuyi fra aantii dha* We are next of kin, i.e., very close relatives  
**aanuu** *iv* (usu takes *itti* or *-tti*) 1 be next to *natti/Boonaatti aantee teesse* She/You sat next to me/Bona *nutti aanee taa'e* He sat next to us 2 do sth next to, i.e., immediately after (usu takes *ittiin*) *anattiin aanee dubbate* He spoke immediately after I did (N.B. it's also common to say *anatti aanee dubbate*) **aansuu** *iv* (takes *itti/ittiin*) do, say, etc. sth next to, i.e., immediately after sb has done, said, etc. sth *Isatti/Isattiin aansitee*

*isheetu dubbate arra/irra aanuu*

See **arra itti aanaa** *n* next in position; deputy **itti aanaa dura taa'aa** deputy chair person

**aanxaa** See *anxa'uu*

**aanxa'uu** *iv* splinter (off) *uleen koo ni aanxa'e* My stick splintered off  
**aanxaa n 1** splinter *aanxaatu quba koo na lixe* I got a splinter into my finger **2** tooth-pick *foon ilkaan koo lixeeraa aanxaa naa fidi* A piece of meat has got into a cavity of my teeth; get me a tooth-pick  
**aanxessuu** *tv* cause to splinter off; make thin *muka kana maaliif akkana aanxessite?* Why did you split this wood until it became so thin?

**aanxessuu** See *aanxa'uu*

**aara** See *aaruu*

**aara fudhachuu** *iv* rest *xinnoo aara fudhadhuu deemi* Take a rest for a little while and go **aara galfachuu** *iv* Same as *aara fudhachuu* **aara galfii** *n* rest, break or recess *amma yeroo aara galfii kootii hojii dhaaf nan (na hin) waamin* This is my break; don't ask me to work

**aaraa**<sup>1</sup> Same as *haaraa*

**aaraa**<sup>2</sup> See *aaruu*

**aara'uu** Same as *haara'uu*

**aaressuu** Same as *haaressuu*

**aarii** See *aaruu*

**aaroo** Same as *fincooftuu*

**aarii** Same as *haarrii*

**aarsa** See *aaruu*

**aarsuu** See *aaruu*

**aartuu** See *aaruu*

**aaruu** *iv* **1** smoke, i.e., give out smoke *muki qooraanii kun baay'ee aara* This firewood smokes too much **2** be/become angry, enraged, infuriated, or lose one's temper *dafee aara malee nama gaarii dha* He loses his temper quickly; otherwise, he is a good man **aara n** smoke *manni kun keessii aara duuwaa ta'e* This room is full of smoke **aaraa** *adj* (of male) ill-tempered, short-tempered, irritable, irascible *namichi sun aaraa dhaa of eeggadhu* Watch out, that man is short-tempered **aarii n** anger *aarii dhaan manaa baye* He left the house in anger **aarii namatti bawuu** *iv* vent one's anger on sb/sth; take sth out on sb *aarii isee natti baye* He was angry at her and took his anger out on me. **aarsa n 1** pieces of meat from an animal killed outside and also burned outside for the benefit of the spirits **2** sacrifice, i.e., giving up of sth valuable, including one's life for a purpose or goal **aarsuu** *tv* **1** (usu takes *itti*) smoke sth out *xaddeen boolla kana keessa jirtii aara itti aarsaa* Smoke out the porcupine from this hole **2** cause to smoke, i.e., send out smoke *ixaana aarsi* Burn myrrh, i.e., for its sweet smell *qooraan jiidhaa bobeessitee natti aarsiti* She burns wet fire-wood and makes it smoke badly in my presence **3** build, kindle, or start a fire *ka'ii mana aarsi* Wake up

and kindle a fire 4 enrage or infuriate sb; make sb angry  
*lafumaa kaatee na aarsite* You/She made me angry without provocation **aartuu** *adj* (of female) ill-tempered *jaartiin sun aartuu dhaa of eeggadhu* That old woman is irritable; watch what you say

**aasaa** See *aasa'uu*

**aasa'aa** See *aasa'uu*

**aasa'achuu** See *aasa'uu*

**aasa'muu** See *aasa'uu*

**aasa'uu** *iv* 1 chat, converse, discuss, speak, or talk *eenyuu wajjin aasoof*t*i?* With whom is she talking? *aasa'aa* (said to 2<sup>nd</sup> person, pl/honorific) Break the silence; talk or chat or say sth *aasa'ii* (said to 2<sup>nd</sup> person, singular) Break the silence; talk or chat or say sth 2 negotiate with parents to give their daughter in marriage to one's son, male relative, or friend *intala isaanii ishii quxisuu naa aasa'aa* Please negotiate, on my behalf, a marriage to their younger daughter **aasaa** *n* chit-chat, conversation, discussion, speech, or talk *aasaa irra jiru* They are having a discussion **aasa'aa** *n* (of male) talker **aasa'achuu** *tv* propose marriage to a girl, usu by sending elders or intermediaries to negotiate with her parents *intala isaanii ishii kam aasa'ate?* Which of their daughters did he propose to? **aasa'muu** *tv* 1 (passive) already

spoken *kun aasa'meera* This has been discussed already. 2 (of a girl) be engaged, i.e., lit. already proposed to *intalli koo iseen tokko aasa'mteetti* One of my daughters has been engaged.

**aasofsiifachuu** *tv* 1 cause sb to chat for self *maaf as teessa, dhaqii keessummaa kee aasofsiifadhu* Why do you sit here? Go and make your guest chat 2 make elders negotiate marriage *abbaa koon aasofsiifadhe* I made my father negotiate marriage for me **aasofsiisuu** *tv* cause or make sb chat *akka inni hin mukoofne bira taa'ii aasofsiisi* Sit and chat with him so that he won't be bored **aasoftuu** *n* (usu of female) talker

**aasofsiifachuu** See *aasa'uu*

**aasofsiisuu** See *aasa'uu*

**aasoftuu** See *aasa'uu*

**aasxaa** *n* 1 sign or badge; reflection of; side effect 2 Same as *hojii*

**aati** *n* (used as an object only) mother *aati Boonaa bareedduu dha* Bona's mother is beautiful *aati kee jiruu* (Is your mother alive)?

**aatoo** *n* Same as *atara*

**aawuu** (expression usu used by very young children) hyena *aawwuun in/ni dhufaa?* Will a hyena come?

**aayyaa** *n* 1 a term of address (endearment) or reference used with one's mother 2 a term of address or reference to senior citizens

**aayyo-baattoo** *n* beetle, i.e., insect  
**aayyoo** *n* lady; madam, i.e., a term

used to address or refer to  
elderly women *ayyoo*, *akkam*  
*bultan* Good morning, madam.

**abaabayyuu** *n* great-  
grandfather

**abaabilee** *n* great-great-grand  
father

**abaabiyoo** Same as *abaaboo*

**abaaboo** *n* flower

**abaabuu**<sup>1</sup> *n* great-grand-mother;  
great-grandson; great-grand-  
daughter

**abaabuu**<sup>2</sup> *iv* (of a new born  
human baby) begin to feed for  
the first time

**abaar** Same as *beela*

**abaaramaa** See *abaaruu*

**abaaramtuu** See *abaaruu*

**abaargituu** *n* foreseer; predictor

**abaarsa** See *abaaruu*

**abaarsisuu** See *abaaruu*

**abaartuu** See *abaaruu*

**abaaruu** *tv* curse, i.e., invoke a  
supernatural power for evil to  
befall sb/sth *akkoo isaatu isa*  
*abaare* His grandmother cursed  
him **abaaramaa** *adj* (of male)  
accursed *gurbaa abaaramaa* an  
accursed boy **abaaramtuu** *adj* (of  
persons) *intala abaaramtuu* an  
accursed girl *namichattii*  
*abaaramtuu sana hin jaa'lu* I don't  
like that accursed man **abaarsa** *n*  
curse *intalli kun abarsa qabdi* This  
girl is under a curse **abaarsisuu**  
*tv* cause to curse *mucaa koo na*  
*abaarsise* Hemade me curse my  
child **abaartuu** *adj, n* curser

*jaartii abaartuu* a cursing old  
woman

**abaasuda** *n* kind of spice

**abaasuda adii** *n* white *abaasuda*

**abaayyoo** *n* a term children use to  
address or refer to their fathers;  
my dad

**ababba** *n* a term children use to  
address their fathers *ababba*,  
*immammaan eessa jirti?* Father,  
where is Mother?

**ababbaa** *n* 1 a term children use to  
refer to their fathers *isa*  
*abaabbaatu natti hime* My father  
told me that. 2 when combined  
with a proper noun, it means  
father of (usu polite way of  
addressing or referring to a  
father of one's peer) *ababbaa*  
*Boonaa kottaa buna dhugaa*  
Boonaa's father, come and drink  
coffee.

**abadan** *adv* not at all; never *abadan*  
*saba Oromoo hin ganu* I will never  
betray the Oromo people.

**abalee** *n* young boys' hair style.  
A tuft of hair is left standing  
between the forehead and the  
nape after both sides of the head  
are shaved.

**aballakuu** Same as *muruu*

**abalu** *n* John Doe; so-and-so;  
some one or other, i.e., a person  
whose name escapes one for a  
moment or a person not needing  
to be named *abalu kana jedhe*,  
*abalu kana godhe hin jedhin*. Do  
not say so-and-so said this or did  
this **abalummaa** *n* identity  
*abalummaa isaa beektaa?* Do you



know who he is? *abalummaa isaa atuu hin beekin himbulchin* Don't let him spend the night at your house unless you know his identity

**abalummaa** See *abalu*

**abaqaawuu** *tv* (of fine chaff)

adhere or stick to clothes, hair, etc. *abaqii qamadiitu uffata kootti abaqaaye* Wheat chaff stuck to my clothes **abaqii** *n* chaff

**abaqii** See *abaqaawuu*

**abasaa** *n* misery *ijoolleen kun*

*abasaa na agarsiisu* These kids are making me miserable

**abaxallaa** *adj* (usu precedes *bakkee*) of prairie, i.e., flat, open area of grassy land; field *bakkee abaxallaa irratti mana ijaare* He built his house on a flat, open field

**abbaa** *n, pron 1* father *abbaa keetti*

*kenni* Give it to your father **2** when followed by a proper or common noun it is used for addressing or referring to a man politely *abbaa Gamtaa; abbaa ilmaa karaan kun eessaan na baasa?*

Father of Son, where does this road take me? **3** owner of *abbaan farad kanaa eenyuu?* Who is the owner of this horse? *abbaa indaaqqoo, gatiin kormaa meeqa?*

Chicken dealer, how much is this cock? **4** when combined with certain words, it indicates profession or vocation *abbaa bokkuu* chairman of *gadaa* (see *gadaa*) **5** when combined with food and drinks, it means

distributor in charge of, usu during a feast *abbaa araqee* distributor in charge of liquor *abbaa daadhii* distributor in charge of mead *abbaa foonii* distributor in charge of meat **6** (used of male) one who *abbaa dubbii* one who is disputatious, prickly, argumentative,, etc. ; litigant *abbaa fanxoo* one who has syphilis, i.e., syphilitic *abbaa fardaa* one who has a horse or one who is on a horse back; cavalier *abbaa oduu* one who talks too much *abbaa malaa* a strategist, i.e., one who is skilled in using stratagems in building, business, farming, fighting, law, etc. **7** indicates phrases of the type ten-cent stamp, *istaampii isa abaa santima kudhanii naa biti* Buy me a ten-cent stamp *qarshii isa abbaa shantamaa* (fifty-dollar bill), *qarshii isa abbaa dhibbaa* (one hundred-dollar bill), etc.

**abbaa abbaan** Same as *mata mataan* under *mataa*

**abbaa alangaa** *n* prosecutor; enforcer of the law

**abbaa bicinqarroo** Same as *buuqqataa*

**abbaa buddeenaa** Same as *abbaa ormaa*

**abbaa cidhaa** *n* host, i.e., a person who invites guests and looks after them at a wedding or other social occasion

**abbaa dirree** *n* master of *masqal* ceremony. See *masqal*

**abbaa duulaa** *n* a man who is in charge of the military, usu during war

**abbaa firdii** *n* victorious person; winner, usu after a fight

**abbaa gaayyaa** *n* a bird with unusually long tail and red beak; probably a trogon

**abbaa gadaa** *n* a leader in the *gadaa* system of government. See *gadaa*

**abbaa gandoo** *n* large intestine

**abbaa goobaa** *n* a kind of worm

**abbaa gorbaa** *n* cattle disease

**abbaa guutuu** *n* Same as *abbaa cidhaa*

**abbaa handhuuraa** *n* sole owner or proprietor

**abbaa harmaa** *n* a rich, influential man who has become an adoptive father of a poor man after being requested by the latter

**abbaa ijoollee** *n* a father of many children, usu considered poor because he has many mouths to feed *an abbaa ijoollee gatiin ta'eef doolarii dhibbaa buusuu hin danda'u* Since I am a father of many children, I cannot contribute one hundred dollars

**abbaa ilkoo** *n* a kind of bird, probably a toucan

**abbaa iyyeessaa** *n* helper of the poor who never loses a common touch; a kind-hearted man

**abbaa keellaa** *n* a male guard or sentry, usu stationed at a check point to check and prevent persons who are engaged in

running contraband activities, etc.

**abbaa kiristinnaa** *n* godfather

**abbaa koddaa** *n* a kind of a big bird

**abbaa korbaa** *n* Same as *abbaa gorbaa*

**abbaa lafee** *n* a man to whom one is indebted

**abbaa lagaa** *n* community leader; also, in the feudal hierarchy, he was next to *qoroo* in rank. See *qoroo*

**abbaa lammii** *n* relationship between children of two or more paternal uncles; cousins

**abbaa lubaa** *n* Same as *abbaa gadaa*

**abbaa maatii** Same as *abbaa ijoollee*

**abbaa manaa** *n* husband

**abbaa miillaa** *n* guide, i.e., one who leads and shows the way

**abbaa milkii** *n* a lucky man; a man believed to bring or portend good luck or serve as good omen

**abbaa muudaa** *n* in the *gadaa* system a man in charge of elections

**abbaa ormaa** *n* stepfather

**abbaa qorichaa** *n* traditional physician

**abbaa sangaa** *n* 1 Same as *abbaa gorbaa* 2 a man in charge of the economy in the *gadaa* system 3 local leader

**abbaa seeraa** *n* lawyer

**abbaa warraa** Same as *abbaa manaa*

**abbaa xeeboo** *n* Same as *daale goofee*

**abbaan** *pron* whoever *abbaan fedhe farsoo haa dhugu, abbaan fedhe ammo araqee haa dhugu* Whoever wants to drink beer can do so, and whoever wants to drink liquor can do so, too

**abbala** See *abbaluu*

**abbaltii** See *abbaluu*

**abbaluu** *iv* 1 intend *gabaa dhaquu nan abbala* I intend to go to the market 2 Same as *hawwu*

**abaltii** *n* 1 intention or plan *gabaa dhaquuf abbaltii qaba* I have the intention of going to the market 2. Same as *hawwii*

**abbayii** *n* a kind of tree

**abbayyoo** *n* 1 honorific or familiar term of address or reference to a man old enough to be one's grand-father 2 an honorific term a daughter-in-law or a son-in-law uses when addressing or referring to a father-in-law *abbayyoo, ol galaa buna dhugaa* Father-in-law, come in and drink coffee

**abbee** *n* one's biological father

**abbeera** Same as *wasiila*

**abbiyyoo** Same as *abbabbaa*

**abbiyyuu** *n* one's husband's or wife's father

**abboo** 1 Same as *aabbee* 2 See *abboomuu*

**abbuguddaa** Same as *obbo guddaa*

**abboo** See *abboomuu*

**abboomaa** See *abboomuu*

**abboomamaa** See *abboomuu*

**abboomamtuu** See *abboomamuu*

**abboomamuu** See *abboomuu*

**abboommachuu** See *abboomuu*

**abboommii** See *abboomuu*

**abboomtuu** See *abboomuu*

**abboomuu** *tv* 1 command or order *sa'a tiksi jedhee na abboome* He ordered me to herd the cattle 2 obey *abbaa keetii abboomi* Obey your father **abboo** *n* authority *abboo isaatiin manaa na baase* He evicted me by his own authority **abboomaa** *n* commander / disciplinarian **abboomamaa** *adj* (of male) disciplined **abboomamtuu** (of female) disciplined **abboomamuu** *iv* be obedient and disciplined **abboommachuu** *tv* command or discipline for self **abboommii** *n* obedience; discipline **abboomtuu** *n* (of person, usu female) commander or disciplinarian

**abboroo** *n* 1 east 2 dawn; early in the morning; see also *diirama*

**abboo xinnaa/xiqqaa** *n* junior or younger paternal uncle

**abboyyadaa** Same as *abujadii*

**abbudalloo** *n* a kind of worm

**abbuguddoo** Same as *abbuuddoo*

**abbuuddoo** Same as *abbuudduu*

**abbuudduu** *n* thumb *quba abbuudduu malee harki hin jiru jechuun ni da'nda'ma* It is possible to say that without the thumb there is no hand

**abbuuqamuu** See *abbuuquu*

**abbuuqqachiisuu** See *abbuuquu*

**abbuuqqachuu** See *abbuuquu*

**abbuuqqii** See *abbuuquu*

**abbuuqsisuu** See *abbuuquu*

**abbuuquu** *tv* have a sip; drink by taking a mouthful at a time  
*abbuuqi* Have a sip **abbuuqamuu**  
*tv* be sipped **abbuuqqachiisuu**  
*tv* cause to have a sip *maaliif mucaa araqee abbuuqqachiifta, in/ni maraattee?* Why do you let the child have a sip of the liquor, are you crazy? **abbuuqqachuu** *tv* have a sip for self *aannan kana irraa abbuuqqadhuu isatti dabarsi* Have a sip of this milk for yourself and pass it on to him  
**abbuuqqii** *n* (drinks only) gulp; sip *araqee shiinii tokko abbuuqqii tokkoon fixe* He finished a small cup of liquor at one gulp  
**abbuuqsisuu** *tv* Same as *abbuuqqachiisuu* above  
**abbuyyaa** Same as *ababbaa*  
**abdaarii** *n* a living tree (believed to be indwelt by Waaqaa's spirits) under which religious rituals are performed. See also *qoolloo*  
**abdachiiftuu** See *abdachuu*  
**abdachiisaa** See *abdachuu*  
**abdachiistuu** See *abdachuu*  
**abdachuu** *iv* 1 hope *nan fayya jedheen abdadha* I hope I will recover 2 count on; pin one's hope on; rely on; trust in sb, or trust to sth, usu place in a position of trusting dependence *horii abbaa isaa abdatee hojii jibbe* Putting trust in his father's wealth, he has come to hate work. *waan abdatte qabdi* She must have sb/sth on whom she counts (e.g. for behaving in such

an unusual confidence)  
**abdachiiftuu** *adj* (of female) reliable *intalli isaa abdachiiftuu dhaa fuudhi* His daughter is reliable; marry her. **abdachiisaa** *adj* (of male) reliable *dargaggeessichi abdachiisaa miti; itti hin eerumin* The young man is not reliable; do not marry him  
**abdachiistuu** Same as *abdachiiftuu* above **abdatamuu** *iv* be reliable; be likely to take place *bor ni rooba jedhamee abdatama* It is hoped that it would rain tomorrow. **abdii** *n* hope **abdii dhabuu** *iv* have no hope *fayyuuf abdii hin qabu* He has no hope of recovery. **abdii kutachuu** *iv* give up hope; despair *an takkaa abdii kutadhee hin beeku* I have never despaired **abdii qabaachuu** *iv* have hope *fayyuuf abddii qabdi* She hopes she will recover.  
**abdatamuu** See *abdachuu*  
**abdii** See *abdachuu*  
**abdii dhabuu** See *abdachuu*  
**abdii kutachuu** See *abdachuu*  
**abdii qabaachuu** See *abdachuu*  
**abeebee** *n* name of Oromo clan  
**abidda** *n* fire *abidda qabsiisaniiru?* Have they built a fire? *abiddi haa boba'u; hin dhaamsin* Do not extinguish the fire; let it burn.  
**abiddee** *adj* active, clever, firey, sharp, or spirited *ilma abiddee tokko qaba* He has an active son.  
**abilla** *adv* never; not at all *sangaa barbaadeen dhabe; abilla achi hin jiru* I searched the ox, and I could not find it; it is not there.

**abjoachuu** Same as *abjoochuu*  
**abjoochuu** *iv* 1 dream, i.e.,  
 experience or see in a dream *gaaf*  
*hundumaa ni abjoota* He always  
 dreams. **abjuu** *n* dream or vision  
*eda abjuu gadhee tokkoon arge* Last  
 night I saw a terrible dream. 2  
 innocent, i.e., without  
 knowledge of evil or wrong, *usu*  
 refers to a baby or a young child  
*mucaan kunoo abjuu dhaa, maal*  
*beeka?* What does this innocent  
 child know? 3 (fig) never (not  
 ever) *horiin ati isaaf liqqeessite sun*  
*siif hin deebi'u, abjuu dha* You will  
 never get back the money you  
 lent him.

**aboo** Same as *abbee*

**aboo baafachuu** *iv* be/become a  
 rebel

**abjootuu** Same as *abjoochuu*

**abolii** *n* The same coffee grounds  
 can be re-boiled as many as  
 three times. Coffee grounds  
 boiled the first, the second, and  
 the third time are respectively  
 called *abolii*, *barakaa*, and *sadaffaa*,  
 i.e., "Grade A, Grade B, and  
 Grade C", as it were. *yoo barakaa*  
*dhaaf yeroo dhabde, abolii dhugii*  
*deemi.* If you don't have time for  
 Grade B, at least drink Grade A  
 and go. See *barakaa* under  
*barakachuu*, and see *sadaffaa*  
 under *sadii*

**abombolaattii** Same as  
*obomboleetti*

**aboochisuu** See *abootuu*

**abooree** *n* a large gourd cup or  
 glass

**aboota** See *abootuu*

**abootamuu** See *abootuu*

**aboottaa** See *abootuu*

**aboottee** See *abootuu*

**abootteeffachuu** See *abootuu*

**aboottuu** See *abootuu*

**abootuu** *tv* hit with the fist or  
 elbow; *box eega isa kuffisee booda,*  
*ciqilee dhaan duddaa isaa aboote.*

Ater throwing him down, he hit  
 him on the back with his elbow.

**aboochisuu** *tv* cause to box

**aboota** Same as *aboottee* below

**abootamuu** *iv* be boxed or hit

with a fist/elbow *gurra irra*

*abootame* He was boxed on the

ear. **aboottaa** Same as *aboottee*

*n* 1 fist *aboottee tokkoon mangaagaa*

*isaa dhayee cabse* He hit him with

a fist just once and broke his jaw.

2 a handful, i.e., as much

quantity as can be held in one

hand after the hand is formed

into a fist *buna aboottee tokko naa*

*liqeessi* Lend me a handful of

coffee beans. **abootteeffachuu** *tv*

form into fist; clench one's fist

*arka isaa abootteeffatee isa dhaye* He

clenched his fist and hit him.

**aboottuu** Same as *aboottee*

**abraangoo** *n* a perennial cabbage  
 with a long stalk

**abraasaa** *n* 1 a kind of flower/tree

2 Same as *arfaasaa*

**abroo** Same as *abboroo*

**abruu** Same as *arbuu*

**abshaala** See *abshaalomuu*

**abshaalomuu** *iv* become clever or

smart, *usu* clever in deceiving or

in taking advantage of sb. *baay'ee*

*nutti abshaalomuu fedhu* They want to deceive us a lot.  
**abshaala** *adj* (of male) clever, cunning, shrewd, or smart  
*gurbaa abshaala* a cunning boy  
**abshaaltuu** (usu of female) *adj* clever, cunning, or smart  
*niitii abshaaltuu* a cunning, shrewd woman  
**abshaalummaa** *n* cleverness in deception  
*abshaalummaa baay'isatu mootummaa jeraa kuffise* Too much indulgence in deception was the reason for the collapse of their government.  
**abshaaltuu** See *abshaalomuu*  
**abshaalummaa** See *abshaalomuu*  
**abshir** consolatory expression usu used by a Moslem religious leader  
*abshir ni fayyita* Take heart, you will certainly recover.  
**absoo** Same as *bal'oo*  
**absuma** Same as *dhanna qabaa*  
**abugidduu** *n* middle finger  
**abujadii** *n* calico  
**abuubbii** *n* 1 a large, nether (lower) millstone 2 large gourd or calabash used as water container or for churning milk  
**abuuruu** *tv* survey a site for building a house on it; plan; imagine  
**abuyyaa** Same as *abbaa*  
**acaccee** Same as *anxaxii*  
**achi** *adv* there *achi barbaadi* Look for it over there. *achi kaayi* Put it there  
**achi buutee** *adv* whereabouts *achi buutee ilma isaatu wal'aalame* His son's whereabouts is not known  
**achi**

**irra** there; on there *achi irra taa'i* Sit there or sit over there, i.e., over sth  
**kanaa achi** other than this; except this  
*kittattii kanaa achi uffata hin qabu* Other than this shirt, I have no (other) clothes.

**achii** *adv* from there *achii ka'i* Get up from there  
*achii deemi* Go away from there

**achitti** *adv* at a particular place known to both the speaker and the listener  
*achitti kottu, wal agarra* Come there. We will see each other there.

**-achuu** Verbs with this ending mean to do sth for self. Note that there is a difference in meaning between *sangaa bituu gabaa deeme* and *sangaa bitachuu gabaa deeme*. The former means he went to buy an ox (for somebody, a friend, etc., not necessarily for self). The latter definitely means that he went to the market to buy an ox for himself with the aim of owning it eventually. There is another important characteristic of verbs that end in **-achuu**. Observe how **-achuu** changes into **dh** when the subject is the pronoun "I" and "you, plural/honorific" in the indicated sentence patterns  
*an sangaan bitadhe* I bought an ox for myself.  
*an sangaan bitadha* I will buy an ox for myself.  
*sangaa bitadhuu* ? Shall I buy an ox for myself?  
*sangaa bitadhu* Buy an ox for yourself (you, singular).

*sangaa bitad*haa Buy an ox for yourself (plural/honorific). Only verbs that end in *-achuu* allow the *dh* sound in these and similar sentence patterns.

**achuma** *adv* **1** still there *namichi ammayyuu achuma jira*. The man is still there. **2** (usu emphatic) there and nowhere else *achuma jiraa barbaadi* It is there and nowhere else; look for it. *achuma kaayi* Put it there.

**achumaan** *adv* **1** by the same route *awu deebitus achumaan kottu* When you return, come by the same route, also. **2** there and then; on the spot *atuma taa'ee aasa'uu achumaan du'e* He died there and then while sitting and talking. **3** by the way; incidentally; in passing *awuu mana barnootaatii deebitu, achumaan sogidda naa biti* On your way home from school, buy me salt in passing.

**achumatti** *adv* at the usual place; at/in the same place *achumatti wal agarra /argina* See you in the same place

**adaa** *n* daisy plant or its flower  
**adaadaa** *n* **1** aunt, i.e., sister of one's mother or father or wife of one's uncle **2** a term of address or reference to one's aunt

**adaaddii** See *addaachuu*

**adaadoo**<sup>1</sup> *n* a term of address to one's aunt

**adaadoo**<sup>2</sup> *n* a genus of (see) *andoodee*

**adaamii** *n* cactus *aannan adaamii madaa ni/in fayyisa jedhu* They say that sap from cactus can cure wounds or sores. *ijaa fi adaamii dha; wal hin arginu* We will never see each other again (i.e., just as the sap of cactus is kept away from the eye for good for being dangerous to the eye).

**adaamusha** Same as *sayyuu*

**adaanessa** *n* Same as *albaadhessa*

**adaannisa** *n* a tree that resembles a sycamore

**adaanoo** Same as *addaannoo*

**adaanuu** Same as *addaannuu*

**adaba** See *adabuu*

**adabachuu** See *adabuu*

**adabamuu** See *adabuu*

**adabsuu** *tv* (used of fruit) cause to ripe by wrapping and burying

**adabuu** *tv* **1** discipline *mucaa kee adabi* Discipline your child. **2**

fine; punish *namichi sangaa hate birri dhibba adabame* The man

who stole an ox was fined 100 birri. **adaba** *n* discipline *ilmi isaa*

*adaba dhabe* His son lacks

discipline **adabachuu** *tv*

discipline for self *mucaa kee*

*adabadhu* Discipline your child

for your self. **adabamuu** *iv* be

disciplined and well behaved (

usu after being unruly) *ilmi kee*

*akka durii miti; amma baay'ee*

*adabameera* Your son is not what

he used to be; he is well behaved

now.

**adafii** *n* menses; menstruation or

monthly period

**adala** *n* leopard-like, wild cat that kills chicken for food  
**adaloo** *n* a sheep with a white head  
**adamoo** See *adamsuu*  
**adamsa** Same as *adamoo* under *adamsuu*  
**adamsaa** See *adamsuu*  
**adamsiisuu** See *adamsuu*  
**adamsuu** *tv* hunt *bosonuu* *adamsa* He hunts gazelles **adamoo** *n* hunting *adamoo deeme* He went hunting **adamsaa** *n* hunter **adamsiisuu** *tv* cause or allow to hunt *bosona sana keessa si hin adamsiisanu* They won't let you hunt in that forest **adamtuu** Same as *adamsaa* above  
**adamtuu** See *adamsuu*  
**adanii** *n* sweet smelling, myrrh-like incense  
**adanyoo** *n* a skin disease that causes itching  
**adaraa** *adv*, *n* 1. please, i.e., polite request; in the name of *adaraa birri kudhan naa liqeessi* please lend me ten birr. *adaraa abbaa keetii na dhiise* I beseech you in the name of your father to leave me alone. 2. safe-keeping; entrust *horii koo adaraa sitti kenne* I deposit my money with you for safe-keeping *ijoollee isaa adaraa natti kennee deeme* He entrusted his children to me and left  
**adaraaqa** Same as *ilkaan beeree*  
**adaree** *n* one who lives on a highland and farms in the low land area  
**adarii** *n* Same as *gugee*

**adaruu** Same as *daanya'uu*  
**adasii** *n* a kind of twig the aromatic leaves of which are powdered and blended with hair cream  
**adawii** *adj* (usu of persons) evil *namichi adawiin kun maaliif maqaa koo balleessa?* Why does this evil man defame me?  
**adda** *adj*, *n* 1 forehead 2 front *Adda Bilisummaa* Liberation Front 3 luck *namicha kana irraa adda hin qabu* I am unlucky with this man *namni tokko tokko adda qaba* Some people are lucky **adda adda** different *inni an jedhuu fi inni ati jettu adda adda* What I am saying and what you are saying are different. **addaa adda** Same as **adda adda** above **adda addaan** *adv* separately *bunaa fi atara walitti hin makin*; *adda addaan kaayi* Don't mix coffee beans and peas; put them separately. **addaan baafachuu** *iv* distinguish for self *blisa jechuu fi dimokraasii jechuun tokko mitii*, *addaan baafadhu* The meaning of freedom and democracy is not the same, so you have to distinguish between the two. **addaan baasuu** *tv* 1 separate *bunaa fi atara addaan baasi* Separate coffee beans and peas. *sangoota kana addaan baasi, wal ajjeessuu* 2 cause to separate or divorce *ishiitu anaa fi abbaa manaa koo addaan baase* She is the cause of our divorce. **addaan bawuu** *iv* 1 be separated *walitti fayyamanii*



*turan; amma addaan bayaniiru*  
 They were stuck together, but  
 now they are separated **2** be  
 divorced; be separated *bar*  
*dheengaddaa addaan bayani* They  
 were separated last year. **addaan**  
**qabuu** Same as *addaan baasuu* (1)  
 above **adda dhabuu** *iv* be  
 unlucky/unfortunate **adda**  
**qabaachuu** *iv* be lucky/  
 fortunate  
**addaachuu** *iv* become white *kittaa*  
*kana amma inni addaatutti miicci*  
 Wash this shirt until it becomes  
 white. **adaaddii** *adj* (modifies pl  
 noun) white *sangoota adaaddii*  
*laman qaba*. I have two white  
 oxen. **addeenya** *n* whiteness  
*addeenya isaa ilaalee kittaa kosholee*  
*kana bite* Deceived by its  
 whiteness, he bought this  
 shoddy shirt. **addeessuu** *tv* **1**  
 whiten, i.e., make white *bishaan*  
*laga kanaa uffata hedduu addeessa*  
 The water in this river whitens  
 clothes very much. **2** (usu caused  
 by illness) pale, i.e., cause to turn  
 pallid or whitish in complexion  
*dhukkuabatu akkana fuula isaa*  
*addeesse* It is a disease that paled  
 his face so much. **adii** *adj* white  
*sangaa adii* a white ox  
**addaanyii** *n* marksman  
**addaannoo** *n* fresh butter before it  
 is processed, i.e., before spices  
 are added to it and before it is  
 clarified/refined by heating it  
**addaanuu** Same as *addaannoo*  
**addaggee** *adj* discourteous, ill-  
 mannered, impolite, rude, or

uncivil *ilmi isaa addaggee dha* His  
 son is rude *addaggeen amma lafa*  
*irra ejjettu nama irra ejjetti*  
 (proverb) A rude person steps  
 on people as much as he/she  
 steps on the ground  
**addamaree** *n* part of mutton  
**addana** *adv* here *addana taa'i* Sit  
 here.  
**addanaa** *adv* here; from here  
*addanaa maal goota?* What are  
 you doing here? *addanaa deemi*  
 Go away from here.  
**addeecha** Same as *addeessa*  
**addeella** Same as *karaa* (2)  
**addeellee** *n* a white donkey  
**addeenya** See *addaachuu*  
**addeessa** *n* moon  
**addeessaa** *n* **1** a disease that  
 makes one pale **2** a white dress,  
 usu worn during the (See)  
*ateetee* ritual  
**addeessuu** See *addaachuu*  
**addoo** Same as *adaa*  
**addoona** *n* a swimmer who helps  
 non-swimmers to cross rivers  
**addooyyee** *n* **1** a term of  
 endearment girl friends use to  
 address or refer to each other **2**  
 bride maid  
**addunyaa** *n* **1** *n* world **2** blessing;  
 happiness which is the result of  
 health, prosperity, etc. *addunyaan*  
*galaana nama irraa godaana*  
 (saying) Prosperity and  
 happiness are like a river/sea  
 which can dry up  
**adeella** Same as *addeella*  
**adeemaa** See *adeemuu*  
**adeemsa** See *adeemuu*

**adeemsisaa** See *adeemuu*  
**adeemsisuu** See *adeemuu*  
**adeemtuu** See *adeemuu*  
**adeemuu** *iv* walk *daa'immi koo*  
*adeemuu jalqabeera* My baby has started to walk. **adeemaa** *adj* **1** (of) an unfaithful husband who indulges in conjugal infidelity  
*abbaan manaa isee adeemaa dha* Her husband is unfaithful **2** *n* vicious red, or dark brown ant  
 See also *jaamaa* **adeemsa** *n* journey; trip *adeemsa jira* He has gone on a trip. **adeemsisaa** *n* diarrhea **adeemsisuu** *tv* cause to walk *mucaa koo adeemsis* Help my baby walk. **adeemtuu** *adj* (of) unfaithful wife *aati manaa isaa adeemtuu dha; kanaaf ishii hiike* His wife is unfaithful; that's why he divorced her.  
**adeera** Same as *wasiila*  
**adii** See as *addaachuu*  
**adiyyoo** *adj* (usu of cattle) left unattended *sa'i adiyoo oolte* The cow was left to graze unattended  
**adokol** *n* a variety of leopard  
**adoobaa** *n* *caatii* disease  
**adoochuu** See *adooduu*  
**adooduu** *iv* get pins and needles; go to sleep; become numb; freeze *gorraan miilli koo naa adoode* My feet became numb with cold. *miillatu na adoode* My feet went to sleep. **adoochuu** *tv* cause to go to sleep *yeroo dheeraa taa'uutu miilla na adooche* Sitting for too long made my feet go to sleep

**adoolessa** *n* August  
**adoonaa'uu** Same as *kalafachuu*  
**aduu** *n* sun *aduun baate* The sun has risen *aduun lixxe* The sun has set. *baha aduutii eegalee amma lixa aduutti hojjate* He worked from sun rise to sun-set. **aduu**  
**boonsoo** *n* sun shine or twilight seen when the sun is setting or when it is raining **aduu boossoo** Same as *aduu boonsoo* above  
**adula duraa** *n* name of the 22<sup>nd</sup> day in a moon calendar; N.B. Traditionally, Oromos didn't divide the month into weeks, so every day of a month has a name  
**adula bal'oo** *n* name of the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of a month  
**adummaa** Same as *addeenya* under *addaachuu*  
**aduurree** *n* cat ; pussy-cat; tom cat  
*mataa aduurree ciisuu irra hantuuti deemti* (proverb) A mouse walks on the head of a sleeping cat.  
**afaa** **1** (imper use only; *pl/honorific you* is usu implicit) wait *afaa waan tokkon isin agarsiisaa* wait, I'm going to show you something **2** used as expression of threat *afaa, waan amma jettan hin irraanfatinaa* Don't forget what you have just said (you will pay for it.)  
**afaan** *n* **1** mouth *afaan kee lulluuqqadhu* rinse (out) your mouth **2** beaks of birds  
*simbirroon afaan-dheeraa sun muka qossa'aa oola* That long-beaked bird pecks at the wood all day. **3** language *afaan Oromootiin*

*dubbachuus katabuus qajeelcheen beeka* I know how to speak and write in Oromo language properly **4** talk, i.e., any empty speech; offensive language *Afaan shii hin jaal'u* I don't like her offensive language *afaan duwwaan maal godha yoo hojii irra oole malee?* What is the use of talk alone unless it is interpreted into action? **5** mouth, i.e., opening of a cup, bottle, glass, jar, etc. *afaan uuroo* mouth of a jar **6** edge *sangaan koo afaan lagaa irra dheedutti jira* My ox is grazing on the edge of the river. **afaan adabachuu** *iv* watch what one says *afaan kee adabadhu* Watch what you say. **afaan baay'isuu** *iv* say more than what's necessary *afaan im baay'isin* Say just enough, no more no less **afaan baduu** *iv* say sth offensive **afaan banuu** *iv* **1** open one's mouth *afaan kee bani* open your mouth (so I can see what's wrong with your throat) **2** (takes -tti) say sth that offends people *maaliif afaan natti banta?* Why do you say sth that offends me? **afaan bareeffachuu** Same as *afaan tolfachuu* below **afaan bal'eeffachuu** (used of morning mouth) *iv* eat sth to make the mouth smell good. **afaan bule** *adj* said of a person who leaves home in the morning without eating breakfast; empty-stomached, so to speak *afaan buleen manaa baye/baate* He/She left

home without eating/taking breakfast **afaan darbuu** *iv* exceed the limit of propriety in what one says; abuse, insult, or call sb names *afaan natti darbinaanin isa kabale* I slapped him because he called me names **afaan gaayyaa** *n* (informal; food eaten before smoking) breakfast; snack *afaan gaayyaa qophaayee?* Is breakfast ready? **afaan geeddaruu** *tv* twist *Inni ani jedhe isa ati jechaa jirtu miti; maaliif afaan geeddarta* What I've said is not what you're saying; why do you twist my words? **afaan gogsuu** *tv* badger sb by asking questions repeatedly, by talking incessantly, etc. *mucaa nana cal jedhi; afaan nan(na hin) gogsin* You child, be quiet; don't badger me with questions. **afaanii fi funyaan** *adj* near; close *mannii isaatii fi manni koo afaanii fi funyaan* My house and his are very close to each other **afaan iikkachuu** *iv* (applies to babies) begin to talk intelligibly *ilmi koo waggaa tokkotti afaan iikkate* My son began to talk when he was two years old. **afaaniin nama geggeessuu** *tv* give/pay lip service to *humaa naan(naa hin) goone; afaaniin na geggeesse malee* He didn't do anything for me; he only paid me lip service **afaan kaayachuu/keeyachuu** *tv* eat; snack (lit put food in the mouth) *waa afaan kaayadhuu deemi malee afaan duwwaa mana hin bayin* Eat sth; don't leave the house with

an empty stomach. **afaan keetiin damma nyaadhu** an expression of gratitude showed to sb who has made a supportive comment in one's behalf *afaan keetiin damma nyaadhu* (you, sing) Thank you for supporting me. *afaan keessaniin damma nyaadhaa* Thank you (pl/honorific) for saying such a nice thing on my behalf *afaan shii damma haa nyaatu* My thanks to her for her supportive comment *afaan isaa damma haa nyaatu* My gratitude to him for his support *afaan isaanii damma haa nyaatu* My thanks to them for saying such a nice thing on my behalf. **afaan lama dubbachuu** *iv* contradict one's previous statement and say sth else; lie *an nama afaan lama dubbatu hin jaal'u* I don't like a person who makes a contradicting statement. **afaan lama haasa'uu** Same as *afaan lama dubbachuu* above **afaan namaa bu'uu** *iv* lay/open/render oneself to criticism, gossip, scandal, etc.; be/get oneself talked about *yoo soba dubbatte afaan namaa buuta* If you tell a lie, you will be talked about **afaan namaa galuu** Same as *afaan namaa bu'uu* above **afaan qabachuu** *tv* hold one's tongue; be quiet/silent *an humaa hin dubbane; afaan qabadheen* *manaa baye* I didn't say anything; I kept quiet and left the house. **afaan simbiraa** *n* a disguised

speech or code language through which a message is kept secret from an uninitiated person *o fxirii ... r fxirii... o fxirii... m fxirii...o fxirii*, for instance, stands for "oromo" **afaan tolfachuu** *iv* make one's speech/talk agreeable and pleasant; have a glib tongue; be diplomatic in how one says sth *afaan isaa tolfatee haasa'ee nama hedduu amansiise* He spoke diplomatically and convinced many people. **afaan walii galuu** *iv* be in harmony; understand one another; have unity or solidarity *yoo afaan walii galle malee diina keenya mancaasuu hin dandeenyu* Unless there is solidarity among ourselves, we cannot annihilate our enemies. **afachaa** Same as *afaa* **afachu** (imperative use; you, sing) wait *afachu, hin deem* Wait, don't go **afachuu** See *afuu*<sup>1</sup> **afandii** *n* tangerine **afanee** *n* usu lush grazing area **afanfaajja'uu** Same as *joonja'uu*(2) **afanfaajjessuu** Same as *joonjessuu* (2) under *joonja'uu* **afarfattuu** *n* a kind of tree **afarsee** See *afarsuu* **afarsituu** Same as *afarsee* under *afarsuu* **afarsuu** *tv* 1 fan, i.e., cause air to move *abiddatti afarsi* Fan the fire. 2 (fig) exaggerate; increase emotion or fan the flame *mucaan ni fayyaa itti hin afarsin* Do not

fan the flame; the child will recover. **afarsee** *n* fan  
**afartaamaa** Same as *awwaaroo*  
**afataa** See *afuu*<sup>1</sup>  
**afataa** Same as *abaxallaa*  
**afcarroo** *n* a kind of goat disease  
**afchaala** Same as *abshaala* under *abshaalomuu*  
**afchaalomuu** Same as *abshaalomuu*  
**afeeruu** *tv* invite; call *gaa'ila isaatti si afeereeraa?* Has he invited you to his wedding?  
**affaffaa** *n* a kind of sore in the mouth that makes it difficult *usu* for children to eat  
**affeelamaa** Same as *affeellii* under *affeeluu*  
**affeelamuu** See *affeeluu*  
**affeelchisuu** *tv* See *affeeluu*  
**affeelsiuu** Same as *affelchisuu* under *affeeluu*  
**affeellachuu** See *affeeluu*  
**affeellii** See *affeeluu*  
**affeeluu** *tv* boil *foon dheedhii nyaachuu mannaa affeelanii nyaachuu wayya* It's better to boil meat and eat it than to eat it raw.  
**affeelamuu** *tv* be boiled *foon kun yoom affeelame* When was this meat boiled? **affeelchisuu** *tv* caue to boil **affeellachuu** *tv* boil for self *anqaquu affeellatee nyaate* He boiled an egg and ate it.  
**affeellii** *adj* boiled *foon affeellii moo waaddii sii wayyaa?* Which do you prefer, boiled or fried meat?  
**afgaara** Same as *afaan* (5)  
**afii** See *afuu*<sup>2</sup>  
**afkarroo** Same as *anfarroo*

**aflaalaa** *n* utensil used as a container  
**afloola** *adj* formless and clumsy  
**afoo deemuu** *iv* go ahead, in front, or forward *na afoo deeme* He went ahead of me. **afoo afoo deemuu** *iv* beat around/about the bush  
**afoola'uu** *tv* be embezzled *maallaqa afoola'e deebisuuf tattaafanna* We are trying to retrieve the money that had been embezzled.  
**afraasaa** Same as *arfaasaa*  
**afran tokko** See *afur*  
**afrii** *n* bed sheet  
**afshaala** Same as *abshaala*  
**afshaalomuu** Same as *abshaalomuu*  
**aftijjaa** *n* utensil  
**aftuu** See *afuu*<sup>2</sup>  
**afur** *adj, n* four (4) *farda afur qaba* He has four horses. **afran tokko** Same as **arfan tokko** Same as **afuran tokko** *adj* about four *ilmi isaa waggaa afuran tokko nu bira taa'e* His son lived with us for about four years. **afuraffaa** *n, adj* *intalli isaa afuraffaa baate* His daughter became fourth.  
**afurtama** *adj, n* forty (40)  
**afurtamii** used when counting from forty one to forty nine *eg. afurtamii torba, afurtamii saddeet, afurtamii sagal* forty seven, forty eight, forty nine. In some dialects, they say *afurtam tokko, afurtam lama...* **arfanuu** *n* all the four *arfanuu dhufaniiru* All the four of them have come.

*Gaangoliin arfanuu hatamaniiru*  
 All the four mules are stolen  
**afuu**<sup>1</sup> *tv* 1 make a bed (up) *irbaata qophessitee, siree aftee na eegde* She prepared supper, made the beds and waited for me. 2 spread out washed clothes, grains, spices, etc. to dry *uffata miiccitee gadi baaftée afte* She washed the clothes and spread them out to dry. **afachuu** *tv* make the beds or spread out sth for self *siree afatteettaa*? Have you made your bed? **afata** *n* anything that serves as bed or any arrangement made usu for people to sleep on *afata qophessiteettaafii*? Have you arranged a bed (or sth on which to sleep) for him?  
**afuu**<sup>2</sup> *iv* 1 be cancelled (used of sth already planned or arranged) will not take place *yaa'in borii afeera* Tomorrow's meeting is cancelled. 2 (used of conditions, custom, regulations) be abolished *ifatti bayanii Oromo arrabsuun afeera, garuu Oromo bituun hin afne* Insulting the Oromo people in public is done away with, but dominating them is not. 3 survive, i.e., remain alive after a dangerous event or a close call *namichi muka dheeraa sana irraa kufe ni du'e moo afeera*? Has the man who fell from that tall tree died or survived? *amma xinnoottan afe; gufadhee kufeen oole* It was a close call; I stumbled and almost fell down. 4 (usu jussive use) had better not; do

without; dispense with; render unnecessary *haasaan akkanaa sitti ha afu* You had better not talk this way. *ishii hin fuudhu; natti ha aftu* I won't marry her; I had better do without her. 5 remain, i.e., be still present after a part has gone *yoo dhibba irraa digdama kaafte, saddeettamatu afa* If you take twenty from one hundred, eighty remains. 6 remain or stay, i.e., not leave *ijoollee dhaan manaa bayaa jettee, ofii na biratti afte* She told the kids to leave and remained behind with me. **afii** *n* glean, i.e., grain left over accidentally in a harvest field by workers *afii boqqolloo* left over corn in a harvest field **afuu** *n* old maid *afuun kun maaliif na tuffatti*? Why does this old maid look down on me? **boodatti afuu** *tv* 1 fail to do sth at the same pace with sb *yoo haatii jerjersuu dhaan deemte, kurkuraan ishee boodatti afee boowaa* if the mother walks too fast, her toddler can't catch up, so he remains behind and cries. 2 (of a county or society; of an individual's ideas) backward *Oromiyaan akka boodaatti hin afne, Oromoon hundinu jabaatee hojjachuu qaba* All Oromos have to work hard so that Oromiyaa will not remain backward. *yaadi kee kun boodatti afaa dha* This idea of yours is not progressive. **nama irraa afuu** *tv* (usu conveys negative meaning) share with

others from the little one has *kan an birri kudhan sii liqeesse narraa (na irraa) afee miti* I didn't lend you ten birr because I had a surplus that I didn't need.

**afuufaa** See *afuufuu*

**afuuffee** *n* 1 bladder, i.e., a bag in which urine collects in human or animal bodies 2 balloon-like ball children make by inflating an animal bladder 3 whistle, i.e., an instrument for producing sound

**afuuftuu** See *afuufuu*

**afuufuu** *iv, tv* 1 blow, i.e., force air upon, into, or through *abiddatti afuufi* Blow up the fire 2 blow one's trumpet; brag; lie *ni afuufuu hin sodaatin* They are bragging; don't be afraid. 3 bloat, i.e., cause to inflate the stomach with food, gas, or liquid *mullu dafeetu garaa isaa afuufe* Eating too much boiled beans bloated his stomach. **afuufaa** *adj* (of male humans) arrant liar or braggart *waan namichi afuufaan kun jedhu hin amanin* Don't believe what this arrant liar, braggart says **afuuftuu** *adj* (of female humans; when it modifies male humans, it indicates utter contempt and a greater degree of bragging or lying) *namichattii afuuftuu nana, gadi naa bayi sin agarsiisaa* You contemptible braggart, come out I'll show you!

**afuura** *n* 1 breath *afuurri isaa akka afuura jabbiiti* He has sweet smell, (lit) his smell is like that of

a calf. 2 news *afuura ilma keetii ni dhageessaa?* Do you hear from your son? 3 rest *an humaa afuura hin arganne* I didn't have any rest

4. Same as *du'a gayii afuura*

**baafachuu** *iv* rest, i.e., be free from activity *taa'ee, buna dhugee, afuura baafatee hojiitti deebi'e* He sat down, drank coffee, rested, and went back to work. **afuura baasuu** *tv* 1. (of beverages) lose strength *farsoon kun afuura baaseera* This beer has lost its strength. 2. (usu used as a threat) don't talk; be quiet *cal jedhi; afuura hin basin!* Be quiet; don't utter a word!

**afuura** **fudhachuu** *iv* Same as *afuura baafachu* above **afuura galfachuu** Same as *afuura baafachuu afuura nama baasuu* *tv* drive, i.e., cause to work hard and fast; drive crazy/mad *baay'ee akkana afuura isa hin baasin*. Don't drive him so hard. *ijoolleen kun afuura na baasan* These kids have driven me crazy. **afuura nama kutuu** *tv* cause to lose one's breath *tabba bawuun afuura nama kuta*

Walking up a steep road makes one lose one's breath **afuursuu** Same as *afuura nama baasuu*

**afuur gayii** Same as *du'a gayii*

**afuurri** *n* 1. the breath of; breath *afuurri daa'ima ni urgaaya* The breath of a baby smells nice. 2. soul, spirit, or whatever is believed to depart from the body after death *afuurri keessaa hin baane malee laafeera* Although the

"soul" has not departed from his body yet, he has become mortally weak. **afuurri nama cituu** *iv* lose one's breath; be out of breath *figichoo dhaan auurri na cite* I was out of breath from running. **afuurri namaa geeddaramuu** *iv* (euphemism) have a bad breath, (lit) it means sb's breath has changed from pleasant to bad *waan ishiin taaten wal'aale; afuurrii ishii geeddarama* I don't know what happened to her, but her breath is not as sweet as it used to be

**afuursuu** See *afuura*

**aga** *adv*, **n 1** until; for a little while; when *aga xinnoo na eegi* Wait for me for a little while *aga an dhufutti taa'ii na eegi* Wait for me until I come. **2** living room

**agaabalu** Same as *agaalabuu*

**agaaduu** *tv* (usu applies to sorghum crop) tie heads of sorghum together to prevent the individual plant from falling

**agaajima** *adj* big; large *dargaggeessa agaajima tokkotu asiin darbe* A big, huge young man passed this way

**agaalabuu** *tv 1* (usu grain and coffee shells) toast on lightly heated griddle **2** (of human face) turn pale

**agabaattee** *n* relations between brothers' wives

**agabarii** *n* grazing field

**agabeessuu** Same as *beelessuu*

**agabuu**<sup>1</sup> Same as *beela'uu*

**agabuu**<sup>2</sup> *n* hunger *agabuun na ajjeesee midhaan naa kenni* I am dying of hunger; give me food *agabuu bule* He spent the night without eating or with empty stomach

**agadaa** *n 1* sorghum cultivated for the sweet juice from the stalk; sorgho **2** sugar cane

**agaggee** *adv 1* (usu of corporal punishment) harshly or severely *mucaa ishee agaggee rukkutte* She hit her child severely **2** hard, i.e., very energetically or vigorously *agaggee fiige/dhughe* He ran/drank hard.

**agalabuu** Same as *agaalabuu*

**agalgilii** *n* a basket usu encased in leather sewn on it and having a lid resembling usu a pyramid; it's mostly used for carrying provisions

**agam** Same as *meeqa*

**agamsa** *n* wild, thorny bush with edible sour fruit

**agarsiifachuu** See *arguu*

**agarsiisuu** See *arguu*

**agartanii** See *arguu*

**agartee** See *arguu*

**agartuu** See *arguu*

**agaruu** Same as *arguu*

**agayya** *n* August *bokkaan agayyaa ciccita rooba* It rains intermitantly in August.

**aggaamuu** *tv* aim or point at *qawwee natti aggaame* He aimed a gun at me. *boffi natti aggaame* A snake raised his head and aimed at me, ready to strike or to sting



**aggachuu** *tv* poise to hit, spear, stab, etc. *eeboo dhaan natti aggate* He posed to spear me.

**aggatuu** Same as *aggachuu*

**aggoo** Same as *wixata*

**aggooddoo** *n* cattle disease characterized by swelling of the skin and joints

**agguu** *adv* when, i.e., at what/which time, at the time that, or during the time at which *agguu kam dhufe?* When did he come? *agguu inni dhufu nyaanna* We will eat when he comes *agguu sana dhalate* He was born at that time. *agguu Mattuu deemte eessa teesse?* When you went to Mattuu, where did you stay

**agguudduu** Same as *abbuudduu*

**agiboo** *n* innuendo or insinuation, i.e., an indirect way of calling sb names as when a wife insults a chicken instead of directly calling her husband names *agiboo dhaan na arrabsiti* She is throwing out innuendoes against me.

**agiixara** *adj* bad *kun agiixara* This is bad.

**agoobara** *n* umbrella

**agooggachuu** Same as *aguuggachuu*

**agooggii** Same as *aguuggii*

**aguraa** See *aguruu*

**aguruu** *tv* bolt domestic animal pens with a heavy bar **agura** *n* a bar for bolting pens of domestic animals

**aguu** *tv* defecate or shit *udaan aguutti jira* He is defecating

**aguuggachuu** *tv* cover the head with bed sheets, blankets, or toga-like garments; veil *naxalaa isaa aguuggatee asiin darbe* He passed this way with his head covered with part of a loose, one-piece, outer garment

**aguuggii** act of covering one's head *aguuggii hin jaal'atu* He does not like covering his head.

**aguuguu** *tv* cover the head *mucaatti wayyaa aguugi* Cover the child's head.

**aguuggii** See *aguuggachuu*

**aguuguu** See *aguuggachuu*

**a'haa** (expression) oh; I see/I remember

**ahaadii** *n* usu written agreement

**ajaa** See *ajaawuu*

**ajaa'iba** Same as *ajab*

**ajaayaa** See *ajaawuu*

**ajaawuu** *iv* 1 stink or smell bad *afaan isaa ni ajaaya* He has bad breath 2 (used of eggs) addle or spoil *anqaaquu meeqatu ajaaye?* How many eggs addled? **ajaa** *n* stink *ajaan foon kana na ajjeesuuf; baasii gati* The stink of this meat is going to kill me; take it out and throw it away. **ajaayaa** *adj, n* stinking; rotten *anqaaquu ajaayaa* rotten egg(s) See also *diddoo*

**ajeessaa** *adj* (of eggs) addled, rotten, or spoiled *anqaaquu*

**ajeessaa** spoiled eggs **ajeessuu** *tv* 1 cause to smell bad or to stink; stink out, i.e., fill a place with stinks *gaayyaa keessaniin mana hin*

**ajeessinaa** Do not stink out the room with your tobacco. 2 cause

to addle, spoil, be rotten  
*indaanqoon koo anqaaquu shan*  
*ajeessite* My hen caused five eggs  
to rot, i.e., by not covering the  
eggs with her wings when  
sitting **ajoo** *adj* 1 Same as *ajaa*  
above 2 of a girl who returns  
home from a party after having  
failed to find a date *durba ajoo* a  
girl who can't find a date  
**ajooftuu** *adj* (of animals and  
humans) stinking *korbeessa reettii*  
*ajooftuu kana gadi baasi* Take out  
this stinking he-goat/billy goat  
**ajab** expression of admiration,  
amazement, contempt, or  
surprise *ajab yaa intala kanaa akka*  
*isheen sirbitu!* What a wonderful  
dancer/singer this girl is! *ajab*  
*namichi kun akka inni sobu!* What  
a terrible liar this man is!  
**ajabii** See *ajabuu*  
**ajabuu** *tv* 1 accompany or escort  
sb to honor *Gaafa dura taa'aan*  
*keenya Finfinnee seene nama*  
*hedduutu isa ajabe* When our  
chairman entered Finfinnee,  
many people accompanied him  
to honor 2 escort to protect, or to  
prevent a prisoner from  
escaping  
**ajaja** See *ajajuu*  
**ajajaa** See *ajajuu*  
**ajajamuu** See *ajajuu*  
**ajajjuu** See *ajajuu*  
**ajajuu** *tv* command; pass order;  
order sb about *ofii taa'ee nama*  
*ajaja* He sits and orders people  
around **ajaja** *n* instructions or  
order, i.e., commaand given

with authority *inni akka sin (si*  
*hin) gadhiifne ajaja qaba* He is  
under orders not to release you.  
**ajajaa** *n* (of a male) commander;  
commander in chief **ajajamuu** *iv*  
be obedient, be at someone's  
beck and call *yoo abbaan alangaa*  
*si ajaje ajajamuu qabda* If a judge  
orders you, you must obey  
**ajajamuu diduu** *iv* refuse to  
obey; be defiant, disobedient,  
insubordinate, or be recalcitrant  
**ajajjuu** (usu female; also of a  
man who is very authoritative)  
commander; one who has the  
authority to give orders  
**ajjamuu** *tv* intend or wish to do  
sth, to speak, etc.  
**ajjeechaa** See *ajjeesuu*  
**ajjeechisuu** See *ajjeesuu*  
**ajjeerraa** Same as *ajjeerraa* under  
*ijjeeruu*  
**ajjeerrii** Same as *ajjeerrii* under  
*ijjeeruu*  
**ajjeersa** Same as *ajjeersa*  
**ajjeeruu** Same as *ajjeeruu*  
**ajjeesaa** See *ajjeesuu*  
**ajjeessisuu** Same as *ajjeechisuu*  
under *ajjeesuu*  
**ajjeesuu** *tv* 1 kill; murder *diina*  
*isaa ajjeese* He killed his enemy of  
*ajjeefte* She committed suicide. 2  
kill, i.e., cause extreme pain or  
discomfort to *mataa bowwuun na*  
*ajjeesee qoricha naa kenni* My  
headache is killing me; give me  
medicine **ajjeecha** *n* hunting  
(usu big game) that forces the  
hunter to stay away from home  
for weeks or even months

*ajjeechaa deeme* He went hunting (big game). **ajjeechisuu** *tv* 1 lead or guide big game hunter and help him find a kill/prey 2 cause a person to kill sb **ajjeesaa** *adj* traditionally, of a man who has proved his virility and courage after killing big game or an enemy of Oromo people **ajjeesaa elkee** *n* a killer of one hundred big game and/or enemy (no other man can brag about being brave in front of this guy)

**ajjeesaa** Same as *ajjeesaa* under *ajjeesuu*

**ajjooftuu** See *ajaawuu*

**akaafaa** See *akaafuu*

**akaafuu** *tv* shovel, i.e., dig earth with a shovel; lift and move earth and the like with a shovel

**akaafaa** *n* as hovel

**akaakaa** *n* 1 term of address or reference to one's grand-father; grand pa *akaakaa, eessa deemta?* Where are you going, grand pa? 2 grand-father *akaakaa qabdaa?* Do you have a grand-father?

**akaakayyuu** Same as *akaakaa* (2)

**akaakilee** Same as *abaabilee*

**akaakiltii** *n* 1 eucalyptus tree 2 garden, usu where citrus fruit is grown

**akaakuu** *n* 1 breed, i.e., kind or variety of domestic animals *sa'i kun akkuun shii baay'ee beekamaa dhaa* This cow is a well-known breed. 2 kind, i.e., race (animals/plants) *akaakuun muka kanaa maal* What kind of tree is this? 3 Same as *akaakayyuu*

**akaawii** Same as *akaayii*

**akaawwii** Same as *akaawii*

**akaawuu** *tv* 1 parch or roast grains such as barley, corn, chick peas, horse beans, peas, sorghum for food *shumburaa akoofnee wajjin nyaanne* We parched chick pea and ate it together. 2 (*fig*) Same as *qoraasuu akaayii* *n* parched grain *akaayii sii kennuu?* Shall I give you parched grain? *akaayii akaayiiif* Roast grain for him

**akafachuu** Same as *diduu*

**akeeka** See *akeekkachuu*

**akeekkachuu** *iv* 1 aim at; train o, i.e., point a gun, spear, etc. towards *atuu hin tokkosin* *akeekkadhu* Aim (at your target) before you fire. *akeekkadheen waraanaan bineensa nam arkaa baasa* (proverb) Aiming at for too long gives the prey time to escape. 2 note well, observe carefully, or pay close attention *akeekkatanii yoo ilaalan daljeessi nama fakkaata* (proverb) If one observes it carefully, one realizes that a baboon resembles a human being. **akeeka** *n* aim, sign, or criterion *akeekii qophii raadiyoonii keenyaa saba Oromo barsiisuu dha* The aim of our radio program is to educate the Oromo people.

**akeekuu** Same as *akeekkachuu* (1)

**akiimii** See *akkamuu*

**akitoo** *adj* (usu of salt in food) excessive or too much *bunni kun*

*ashaboon isaa akitoo dha* There is too much salt in this coffee.  
**akka** *adv, conj, prep* **1** (indicates comparison) *as; like; such (as)* *an akka isaa miti* I'm not like him. *an nama gaarii akka isaa argee him beeku* I have never seen such a good man. *akka abbaa isaa gabaabaa miti* He is not as short as his father. *an akka har'aa rafee him beeku* I have never slept as much as I have slept today. *akka dammaa mi'aaya* It's as sweet as honey. *akka fedhe /barbaade /jaal'ate haa sirbu* Let him dance as he wishes. **2** *as, i.e., consider, regard sb as, or treat* *akka ilma isaatti na ilaala* He treats or regards me as his own son. **3** *as, i.e., in the same way* *akka an sila si agarsiisetti hojjadhu* Do it as I showed you before. **4** *as soon as* *akka inni ol seeneen irbaata dhiheessiteef* She brought him his dinner as soon as he entered the room. **5** *that, i.e., introducing a noun clause* *akka inni fayyuu beekeera* I knew that he was going to recover. **6** *so as to; so that* *akka itti mul'atuuf itti siqee taa'e* He sat closer to it so as to see better. **7** *if* *akka inni achi jiru ilaali kottu* See if he is there and come back. **8** *to (usu used in an indirect command)* *akka dafanii dhufanu itti himi* Tell them to come soon **9** *how (to), i.e., in what manner* *akka inni itti du'e beektaa?* Do you know how he died? *akka an itt hojjadhu natti*

*agarsiisi* Show me how to do it.  
**10** *about or approximately* *akka waggaa kudhnii hidhamee baye* He was incarcerated for about ten years and released. **11** *make sure to/not to* *ilaa bor akka walgayii hin oolle* Make sure not to be absent from tomorrow's meeting. *ilaa iftaan akka dhuftu* Make sure to come the day after tomorrow.  
**akka malee** *adv* *unusually; excessively; very/too much; severely* *akka malee nyaatanii garaa of bokoksuun gaarii miti* Eating too much and bloating oneself is not good. *abbaan koo akka malee na rukute* My father hit me severely (and that is a bit unusual) **akkana** *adv* *in this way; like this* *akkana qabi* Hold it this way. *akkana hin dubbatin* Don't talk like this **akkanaan** *Same as* *akkasiin* **akkana malee** *adv* (expression of approval or surprise) *excellent, that's it; well done; surprising; Speaker A: abbabba, tokkoffaan baye* Dad, I became first *Speaker B: ishoo, akkana malee ilma koo* Well-done, my son **akkanatti** *Same as* *akkasiin* (**1**) below **akkanuma** *adv* *as it is, i.e., without distortion, fear, or exaggeration* *akkanuma jedhii itti himi* Tell him (what I said) just as I said it. **akka qabaachuu** *tv* (usu of behavior) *follow certain norms and decorum* *haasaan dargaggootinii fi shamarran jaarsaa wajjin haasa'anu* *akka qaba* Young men and

women follow certain norms when they speak with older people. **akkas** Same as **akkasiin** (1) below **akkasiin** *adv* 1 like this or in this way **akkasiin qabi** Hold it like this. 2 nothing **akkasiin wacu malee an qubee barsiisuu hin dhiisu** They are clamoring for nothing; I will never give up teaching qubee, Oromo alphabet. **akkasitti** *adv* Same as **akkasiin** (1) **akkasumaan** Same as **akkasiin** (2) **akka tokko** *adv* very; harshly; severely **mataan koo akka tokko na bowwaafata** My head aches terribly **intala ishii akka tokko dhaante** She beat her daughter harshly. **akkuma** *adv* 1 as soon as **akkuma irribaa ka'een kompiyuterii isaatti qajeele** He went straight to his computer as soon as he woke up. 2 like; as **akkuma lubbuu iseetti isa jaal'atti** She loves him as she loves her own life. 3 as it is **akkuma jiruun deebisi** Return it as it is.

**akkaashee** Same as *callee*

**akkaataa** *n* condition or situation

Speaker A: **akkaataan Oromiyaa keessaa akkam?** What does the

situation in Oromiyaa look like?

Speaker B: **rakkoo hedduutu jira.**

**Ha ta'u malee, irraa aanuufis**

**tattaaffiin godhamaa jira** There are many problems, but efforts are being made to overcome them.

**akkam** *adv* 1 (used in greeting)

**akkam bulte/bultan?** Good

morning (to you, sing/pl) **akkam**

**oolte/ooltan?** Good afternoon (to

you, sing/pl) **akkam jirta?** How have you been? 2 (used to ask in what state or health) how **amma akkam sitti jira?** How do you feel now? **akkamitti** *adv* (interrogative) how, i.e., in what way or by what means? **akkamitti bishaan kana ceena?** How are we going to cross this river? **akkamitti isa arkaa baate?** How did you escape from him? **kun akkamitti hojjata?** How does this work?

**akkamachuu** See *akkamuu*

**akkamsiisuu** See *akkamuu*

**akkamuu** *tv* treat, i.e., give medical care to **akiimii dubartiitu na akkame** A woman doctor treated me **akiimii n** medical doctor; physician **akkamachuu iv** receive/get medical treatment **ija isaa akkamatee dhufe** He received medical treatment for his eye problem and came. **akkamsiisuu tv** cause to get medical treatment; have sb treated **ilma kootu mana akiimiitti na geese na akkamsiise** My son took me to the hospital and had me treated; see also *wal'aanuu*

**akkana** See *akka*

**akkanaan** See *akka*

**akkanatti** See *akka*

**akkanuma** See *akka*

**akkas** See *akka*

**akkasiin** See *akka*

**akkasitti** See *akka*

**akkasumaan** See *akka*

**akkawoo** Same as *akkoo*

**akkayoo** Same as *akkoo*

**akkeessaa** See *akkeessuu*  
**akkeessituu** See *akkeessuu*  
**akkeessuu** *tv* (usu done to  
 ridicule) ape, imitate,  
 impersonate or mimic *mucaa*  
*nana isa hin akkeessin* Child, don't  
 impersonate him. **akkeessaa** *n*  
 imitation. **akkeessituu** *n* (of a  
 person) imitator, impersonator,  
 or mimic  
**akkeeyyaa** Same as *akkeessaa*  
**akkeeyyuu** Same as *akkeessuu*  
**akkifachuu** *tv* clear one's throat  
 and spit or spit sth out *akkifatee*  
*tufe* He cleared his throat and  
 spat. **akkii** *n* phlegm; sputum  
**akkiinama** Same as *laata/tarii*  
**akkoo** *n* grand-mother *akkoon*  
*gaangee harree dha* literally it  
 means the grand-mother of a  
 mule is a donkey (a saying  
 signifying that the weak can  
 reproduce the strong)  
**akorbaashii** *n* tough, leather whip  
**akkuma** See *akka*  
**akuukkuu** *n* a kind of tree and its  
 fruit  
**akuurii** *n* groundnut or peanut  
**al** **1** (when prefixed to *meeqa*, it's  
 interrogative) how many times  
*al meeqa dhufe?* How many times  
 did he come? *inni al lama dhufe.*  
*ishiin ammoo al sadii dhufte* He  
 came twice, and she came three  
 times. **2** when it precedes a  
 number, for instance " *al + five*",  
 it means "five times". *pooliisooti*  
*lama al afur dhufanii manaa si*  
*dhaban. maaliif si barbaadu?* Two  
 police officers came four times,

but they couldn't find you. Why  
 are they looking for you? **al**  
**tokko tokko** *adv* occasionally,  
 once in a while, or sometimes.  
 (See also *alii al* under *ala*) *al tokko*  
*tokko ni rooba; gara caalu garuu*  
*hoongee dha* It rains once in a  
 while, but most of the time it is  
 hot and dry.  
**ala** *adv* outdoors; outside *galgala*  
*galgala ala taa'ee ji'a ilaalluu*  
*jaal'ata* In the evenings, he likes  
 to sit outside and watch the  
 moon. *ala baasii gati* Take it out  
 and throw it away. **ala bawuu** *iv*  
**1** go to the toilet *yoo garaan kee si*  
*dhukkube, ala bayi* If you are  
 experiencing stomach ache go to  
 the toilet **2** (applies to women)  
 go out to douche. **3** go outside  
 or outdoors *ala bayi taphadhu*. Go  
 outside and play **4** when;  
 at/during the time when *ala*  
*Xaaliyaanin biyya keenya seene an*  
*xinnoon ture* I was very small  
 when the Italians occupied our  
 country. *ala inni ol seenuu gad*  
*bayi* Leave when he comes in.  
**alii al** *adv* occasionally, once in a  
 while, or sometimes *alii al dhuftee*  
*nu dubifti* Once in while she  
 comes and visits us. **aluma** *adv* (  
 usu emphatic) as soon as;  
 whenever *aluma inni ol seenu*  
*gaafadhu* Ask him as soon as he  
 comes in. *waan ta'een wal'aale,*  
*aluma isa argitu boossi* She cries  
 whenever she sees him, I don't  
 know why.

**alaa** *adv* (used of sb/sth standing, sitting, lying, etc. outside) come/move away from the outside and come/move in; move sth from outside and bring it in, etc. *alaa ol seenaa* Come inside, i.e., don't sit, stand, etc. outside. *barcuma alaa ol galchaa* Take the stool from outside, and bring it inside.

**alaabaa** *n* flag *faaruu alaabaa*  
*Oromoo* Oromo national anthem

**alaada** *n* (applies to monetary units only) half, i.e., one of two equal parts *gatiin kophee kanaa doolarii shantamaa fi alaada* The price of this pair of shoes is fifty dollars and fifty cents, i.e., fifty dollars and half a dollar.

**alaaksisuu** See *alaakuu*

**alaaktuu** See *alaakuu*

**alaakuu** *iv* 1 *bray harreen kun maaliif akkana alaakti?* Why does this donkey bray so much? 2 make a disturbing noise; shout *natti hin alaakin* Don't shout at me. **alaaksisuu** *tv* cause to bray *harree alaakaa dhufe alaaksisanii itti fe'u* (proverb) You load a donkey that comes braying in spite of his noise, i.e., don't lose a good opportunity. **alaaktuu** *adj* usu of a woman who shouts at people, who is loud and noisy *niitii alaaktuu* a loud wife

**alaala** *adv* at a distance, or far away from one's view; keep sb at arm's length; avoid sb *alaalattan isa arge*. I saw him at a distance. *leenca dhokatanii*

*alaalatti ilaaluu wayya* It's better to hide and watch a lion from distance.

**alaallii** *n* a minor load put between two major loads on the backs of beasts of burden

**alaandhaluu** Same as *himachuu* (2) under *himuu*

**alaanfachuu** Same as *alanfachuu*

**alaasaa** Same as *lolosoo*

**alaawuu** Same as *arka arka jechuu*  
See under *arka*

**alafachuu** Same as *alanfachuu*

**alafkachuu** Same as *alanfachuu*

**alagaa** *n* (persons) unrelated; not one's kin or close relative *alagaa gaafa golfaa; yaa firaa gaafa kolfaa* (saying) Unrelated persons are readily available when there is joy and happiness, but only blood relatives show up to help when times are bad, for instance, when one is afflicted by typhus **alagummaa** *n* state of being unrelated *alagummaa isaa beeksifate* He made his being unrelated clear, i.e., by not helping when help was needed

**alala**<sup>1</sup> *n* cud **alala guuruu** *iv* chew the cud *sangaan koo maal ta'e alala hin guuruu wo?* What's the matter with my ox? He is not chewing the cud.

**alala**<sup>2</sup> *n* sexual intercourse before marriage (very unusual though)

**alalaa** Same as *migira*

**alalaas** *n* sweet voice suitable for singing

**alalchuu** *iv* 1 (usu husband and wife) be unfaithful to each other

2 Same as *alanfachuu*

**alalee** *adj, n* 1 (of male or female) adulterous 2 a breed of male donkey that fathers a mule. 3 a kind of tree

**alalfachuu** Same as *alanfachuu*

**alaltuu** *n* 1 Same as *alalee* 2 Same as *alamtuu* 3 a kind of tree

**alalummaa** *n* adultery

**alambaambee** *n* sweet potato

**alamtuu** *n* pith or wax that remains in the mouth and is then spat out after chewing sorgo, sugar cane or honey comb

**alana** *adv* this time *alana narkaa himbaatu* You cannot escape (my punishment) this time. *alana ammo maal barbaaddi?* And what does she want this time?

**alanfachuu** *tv* chew *namni quufe marqaa alanfata* (saying) One who is already full, chews his porridge, i.e., instead of swallowing it straight. *waan nyaattu hundumaa atuu hin liqimsin bareechii alanfadhu* Chew whatever you eat properly before you gulp it.

**alanfatoo** Same as *alamtuu*

**alangaa** Same as *alangee*

**alangee** *n* whip

**alas** *adv* (applies to both past and future time) then; at that *an alas hin dhalanne* I was not born then *abbaan manaa koo bor yowwana manaa bayaa, alas kottu* My husband will leave home tomorrow at this time; come at

that time. **alasuma** *adv* (same as *alas* above except that this is somewhat emphatic) right away; then *alasuman itti hime* I told him right away

**albaadhessa** *adj, n* (usu applies to male humans or animals)

gluttonous; glutton *namichi kun*

**albaadhessa** This man is

gluttonous **albaadhattii** Same as *albaadhessa* above except that this one applies usu to females

**albaadhummaa** *n* gluttony

**albaambee** Same as *alambaambee*

See also *dammee* (2) under *dammaawuu*

**albaasisuu** See *alba'uu*

**albaasuu** See *alba'u*

**albaatii** See *alba'uu*

**alba'uu** *iv* 1 have diarrhea or loose bowel movement *mucaan koo maaliif ammas ammas alba'a laata?* Why is my child having frequent bowel movement? 2 (fig) bullshit, lie, or brag *waan inni jedhu umaa hin amanin ni alba'aa* Don't believe a word he says; he bullshits. **albaasisuu** *tv* cause to have diarrhea *mucaa koo maaltu akkana albaasisa?* What is it that makes my child have such loose bowel movement?

**albaasuu** *adv, iv, tv* 1 have diarrhea or loose bowel movement *kaleessa na albaasaa oole* I had loose bowel movement all day yesterday. 2 (used of humans or domestic animals) beat sb/sth black and blue *diina koo qobaatti argadheen albaasee*



*gadhiise* I found my enemy alone, beat him up real good and let him go. **3** perform a certain act well, properly, and thoroughly *eda damma albaafnee rafne* Last night we ate honey (until we were properly satisfied) and went to bed. *kaleessa qonnaa albaasan* Yesterday they did a thorough job on the farm.

**albaatii** *n* **1** *diarrhea albaatiin mucaa kanaa dhiiga qaba* This child's diarrhea has blood in it **2** coward, shit, or sissy (person/ domestic animal) *albaatii nana, kaleessa maaliif baqatte?* You big shit, why did you run away yesterday? *daljeessi albaatii dha; akka leencaa jagna miti* Baboons are cowards; they are not as brave as lions.

**albeenii** *n* a kind of rifle

**albuuda** *n* **1** payment in kind as opposed to cash; raw material *anoo qarshii hin qabu, albuuda ni fudhattaa?* I don't have cash on hand, would you accept raw material, e.g. grain? **2** mineral resources such as gold, platinum, silver

**aldabraa** *n* a season or month when there is excessive and heavy rain; sowing season

**aldiggaa** *adj* big; chubby, plump, or portly *mucaa aldiggaa tokko qabdi* She has a chubby child.

**aleelluu** *tv* **1** beat, hit, or strike hard, usu with sth heavy *harree isaa dullaa dhaan aleele* He hit his donkey hard with a club. **2** equal

or match *ijoolleen dhiiraa kun lamaan humnaan wal hin aleelanu* These two boys do not equal each other in strength

**aleessuu** *tv* (usu meat) cause to spoil and have bad smell . *foon kana osoo hin affeelin lafa bulchitee aleessite* You made this meat spoil by not boiling it (and by leaving it there all night) See *alaawuu* from which *aleessuu* is formed

**algajima** name of the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of a moon month

**algada** Same as *eda*

**algata** Same as *arkee*

**algee** *n* silk on an ear of corn *boqqolloon keenya algee baaseera* Our corn crop has formed silk, as it were

**alhaada** *n* Same as *dilbata* or *sanbata guddaa*

**alii al** Same as *al tokko tokko* under *al*

**aliwaayoo** *n* a kind of bird

**alikafoo** *n* locust-like insect

**alkan** See *alkanaawuu*

**alkanaawuu** *iv* (of the day) turn into night *eega alkanaayee booda dhufe* He came after it became dark, i.e., night **alkan** *n* night *dilbata alkan wal agarra* See you Sunday night **alkan alkan** *adv* (indicates repetitiveness/ frequency of occurrence/action during the night) every night *alkan alkan qufa'a* He coughs every night **alkaneeffachuu** *iv* wait and do sth or move after nightfall *eeboo isaa fudhatee,*

*alkaneeffatee manaa baye* He waited until nightfall, took his spear, and left. **alkan waarii** *adv* late at night, probably after midnight *alkan waarii dhufee ganama shuubii/suubii deeme* He came very late at night and left early in the morning. **alkan wadhakkaa** Same as **alkan walakkaa** *adv* midnight

**allaalloo** *n* a large spear

**allaaattii** *n* any large, inedible bird, e.g. eagle, gull, hawk, vulture *foon lafa irra jiruuf allaattiin waaqa keessatti wal lolti* (proverb) Birds fight in the sky over meat lying on the ground.

**iryaa allaattii** *adj* (of persons) extremely old or aged (birds are believed to live very long) *akkoon isaa iryaa allaattiiti* His grandmother is extremely old.

**allagaa** See *allaguu*

**allagoola** *adj* ill-bred or rude *ilmi kee allgoola; adabadhu* Your son is rude; you had better discipline him. **allagoolummaa** *n* rudeness *allagoolummaa keetiif namni si jibba* People hate you because of your rudeness.

**allaguu** *tv* slice or whittle sth away, i.e., cut thin slices or strips usu from tobacco cake *timboo irraa allagee natti gurgure* He sliced a piece of the tobacco and sold it to me **allagaa** *n* a slice of, usu tobacco cake *allagaa timboo* a slice of tobacco cake

**allayyaa** *n* gully, precipice, or ravine *sangoonni wal qabanii*

*allayyaa wal buusan* The fighting oxen have fallen into the ravine

**alle** Same as *halle*

**aloola** Same as *adamoo* See *adamsuu*

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**aloolloo** *n* shot put

**alootoo** *n* a large spear; See also *allaalloo, baashir, and eeboo*

**alteeta** *n* plant gum used as medicine for stomachache

**aluma** See *ala*

**amaa** Same as *hamaa* under *hammaachuu*

**amaa gota** Same as *hama gota*

**amaaketa** Same as *leenca*

**amaamota** *n* (always pl) 1 women *amaamoti kun eessaa dhufu* Where are these women coming from? 2 men or women who accompany a bride/bridegroom 3 song through which those who accompany the bride/bridegroom playfully snub the bride/bridegroom

**amaanaa** *n* trust; safekeeping; See also *galchaa* under *galfachuu*

**amaanii** *n* peace, i.e., the absence or war, civil disorder, or other hostilities *biyyii jaraa amaanii dha* Their country is at peace.

**amaaqexa** *n* leopard

**amaa qixa** *n* a kind of grass. Grass eating animals are usu bloated after eating it

**amaaressa** *n* a kind of thorny bush

**amaaroo** *n* father of one's wife

**amaarsaa** *n* overlapping  
tooth/teeth  
**amaasilloo** *n* a kind of herb usu  
eaten for its purgative effect  
**amaatii** *n* mother-in-law  
**amaccaraa** *n* dry twigs usu used  
as a broom  
**amachuu** Same as *hamachuu*  
**amadaaya** *n* biting early morning  
cold  
**amadeessa** Same as *amadaaya*  
**amajaajii** *n* 1 large number of  
people/animals together, e.g.  
*daljeessa amajaajii* a pack of  
baboons; *leenca amajaajii* a pride  
of lions *nama amajaajii* a  
multitude of people 2 ill feeling  
about a person's success; enemy  
*hamaa fi amajaajiin kee haa*  
*daxxabu* May your enemies be  
weakened **amajaajummaa** *n*  
enmity  
**amajjii** *n* January  
**amakaruu** *n* Same as *mufachuu*  
**amakkaruu** Same as *mufachuu*  
**amala** *n* 1 behavior or conduct  
*amala isaa hin jaal'adhu* I don't  
like his conduct. 2 habit usu bad  
and settled practice *amala*  
*dhugaatii qabdi* She has drinking  
habit. **amala baasuu** *iv* form a  
bad habit *dhirsi ishee amala*  
*baaseera*; *ni dhuga* Her husband  
has developed a bad habit of  
drinking  
**amalaajii** *n* conciliator or  
mediator *amalaajii natti ergite* She  
sent a mediator to me  
**amama** *n* lower jaw  
**amamadoo** *n* a stinking plant usu

used for chasing away ants  
**amammoo** Same as *amuummii*  
**amammoochuu** Same as  
*amuummachuu*  
**amanachuu** See *amanuu*  
**amanamaa** See *amanuu*  
**amanamtuu** See *amanuu*  
**amanamuu** See *amanuu*  
**amansiisuu** See *amanuu*  
**amantii** See *amanuu*  
**amanuu** *iv, tv* believe; have faith  
in sb/sth, or trust *maaliif namicha*  
*sobduu kana amante?* Why did  
you trust/believe this liar of a  
man? **amanachuu** *tv* 1 trust to  
sth *baay'ee humna kee amanatte*  
You put too much  
trust/confidence in your  
strength. 2 rely on; trust in sb *na*  
*amanattee lola hin kaasin* Do not  
rely on my help and pick a  
quarrel with sb **amanamaa** *adj*  
(of male humans) dependable,  
reliable, or trustworthy *hin*  
*mamin inni amanamaa dhaa* Have  
no doubt; he is trustworthy.  
**amanamtuu** *adj* (of female  
humans) dependable, reliable, or  
trustworthy **amanamuu** *tv* be  
believed; be trusted **amansiisuu**  
*tv* 1 convince sb of sth *inni al*  
*tokko hin ta'u jennaan amansiisuu*  
*hin dandeessu* Once he says  
"No", you cannot convince him  
(to change his mind). 2 cause to  
believe. **amantii** *n* religion  
Speaker A: *ati amantiin kee maal?*  
What's your religion? Speaker B:  
*an waaqeffataa dha* I am a

*waaqeffataa*, i.e., I believe in my own traditional Oromo religion.

**amara** *n* hawk See also *culuullee*

**amartii** *n* ring *amartii warqee naa*

*kenne* He gave me a gold ring

**amartii galchuu** *tv* break

engagement promise by

returning the engagement ring

**amartii keewachuu** *tv* be

engaged *amartii keewattetti/*

*keeyateera* She/He is engaged.

See also *naqachuu*<sup>2</sup> (1)

**amasaasoo** See *amasaasuu*

**amasaasuu** *tv* show partiality and

bias towards *nama ija tokkoon*

*ilaaluu wayya malee amasaasuun*

*gaarii miti* It's better to treat

people equally; showing

partiality is not good. **amasaasoo**

*n* partiality

**amata** *n* 1 Same as *waggaa* 2 Same

as *amii/hamii*

**amattuu** Same as *hamattuu* under

*hamachuu*

**amaxxee** Same as *maxxannee*; see

*maxxanuu*

**amba** Same as *alagaa* and *diina*

**ambaa** *n* 1 village; also means

nation 2 a kind of fruit tree

**ambaagooroo** *n* intrigue/

mishchief *ambaagooroo natti*

*hojjatan* They did me a mishchief

**ambaagoorummaa** *n* mischief

*ambaagoorummaa baay'isa* He is

full of mischief

**ambaalbee** *n* sweet potato; See

also *dammee* under *dammaawuu*

**ambaarii** Same as *bitawoo*

**ambabbeessa** *n* a kind of tree

**ambaltaa** *n* a kind of tree

**ambarqawwaa** *n* a kind of snake

**ambifachuu** See *ambisuu*

**ambisuu** *tv* 1 save sb/sth from

(accident, injury, etc.) *situ na*

*ambise malee bishaan na nyaatee*

*oole* If you had not saved me , I

would have drowned 2 prevent

or stop sb, usu from going away

*nan deeman ture isheetu na ambise*

*malee* I was to go, but she

stopped me from going. 3 save

sth, usu food, for future use

*hunda hin nyaatin; xinnoo ambisiif*

Don't eat it all; save some for

him. **ambaa** *n* left-overs or

remanent, usu of food *ambaa koo*

*nyaate* He ate what was leftover

after I had eaten **ambifachuu** *tv*

save sth (for oneself) *irbaata isaa*

*ambifatee ganama nyaate* He

saved some of his dinner and ate

it in the morning. **ambisiisuu** *tv*

cause to save *xinnoo naa ambisiisi*

Let him save some for me

**ambo** *n* 1 mineral water cattle

love to drink 2 alliance; friend 3

place name about 125 kilometers

west of Finfinnee

**ameenta** *n* sperm

**ameessa** Same as *dhaltii*

**ameeyisa** Same as *ameessa* or

*dhaltii*

**amfala** *n* 1 dress usu elderly

women wear below waist; skirt 2

Same as *qabattoo* under *qabuu*

**amii** Same as *hama* under

*hamachuu*

**amilee** 1 See *gaa'ila gawuu* under

*gaa'ila* 2 morale

**amiin** (expression) amen

**amjalloo** *n* lock-jaw; twisted neck

**amlu** *tv* covet; crave

**amma**<sup>1</sup> *adv* 1 as many/much as

*muusii amma dandeessu fudhu*

Take as many bananas as you

can. *damma amma jaal'ate haa*

*nyaatu* Let him eat as much

honey as he wants. 2 as ... as ,

i.e., in the same degree *waan*

*amma arbaa gawun arge* I saw sth

as big as an elephant.

*miidhaginaan amma intala isaa hin*

*geessu* She is not as beautiful as

his daughter. **amma kana** *adv*

this much, i.e., the extent,

quantity, size, etc. It is usu

indicated or pointed at when

speaking *buna amma kana naa*

*kenni* Give me this much coffee

beans. *amma kana hin rakkatin,*

*dhiisi* Don't bother this much,

leave it. **ammam** *adv*

(interrogative) how much/

many; how big/large *bishaan*

*ammam barbaaddi?* How much

water does she want? *intalli isaa*

*ammam geessi?* How big is his

daughter? **ammana** Same as

*amma kana* above **ammanaa gadi**

*adv* very big/large *fardi isaa*

*ammanaa gadi gaya* His horse is

very big. **amma sana** *adv* that

much *amma sana naa kenni* Give

me that much. **amma tokko**

Same as *amanaa gadi* above

**amma wayii** Same as *ammanaa*

*gadi* above

**amma**<sup>2</sup> *adv, conj, prep* 1 at once;

immediately, or now *amma*

*manaa baye* He left home just

now. *amma kottu* Come

immediately. 2 till or until *amma*

*bokkaan caamutti taa'a* Sit till the

rain stops. *ganamaa qabnee amma*

*galgalaatti hojjanne* We worked

from morning till evening.

**ammaa amma** *adv* again and

again; time and (time) again, or

very often *ammaa amma*

*nyaachuun gaari miti*. It's not

good to eat again and again (non

stop). **amma ammaatti** *adv* up to;

till or until now *amma ammaati*

*naaf hin galle ture* Until now it

has not been clear for me.

**ammaaf** *adv* 1 for now; for the

time being *ammaaf araaramneerra*

For the time being we have

become reconciled. 2 now that;

at present *ammaaf mirga keenya*

*beekna; dammaqneerra* Now we

know our rights; we have

become conscious. **ammaa fi**

**ammaatti** *adv* immediately

*ammaa fi ammaatti kottu* Come

immediately. **amma garuu** *conj*

but now *dur komputerii hinqabun*

*ture, amma garuu bitadheera*

Before I didn't have a computer;

but now I have bought one.

**ammallee** *adv* still, i.e., even to

this time; even now *ammallee*

*waanti inni barbaadu naaf hin galle*

I still don't understand what he

wants. *ammalle humni isaa akkuma*

*duriiti* Even now his strength is

as it used to be. **ammamitti** *prep*

(interrogative; applies to age,

duration, price; also applies to

both past and present time) how

long does it take? how long did it take to finish? *ammamitti sitti gurguree?* At what price did he sell it to you? *ammamitti biyyaa baate?* At what age did you leave your birthplace? *yoo ganama jalqabdee ammamitti hojjattee fixxa?* If you start in the morning, how long will it take you to finish the work? **ammammoo** *adv* this time; and now *ammammoo eessa deemta?* Where are you going this time? *ammammoo maal barbaadda?* And now what do you want? **ammanaan** *adv* without ado, ceremony, without saying much, or without wasting time *isa dubbiseen ammanaan bira darbe* I greeted him and went my way without further ceremony. *atuun qonnaa qotuu abbaan lafaa narraa bayee ammanaan na fuudhee deeme* The feudal lord came while I was plowing and took me with him without much ado **ammanatti** *adv* in the mean time or til/until then *gabaa dhaqeen amma deebi'aa ammanatti asummatti na eegi.* I will go to the market and come back soon; until then wait for me here **ammas** *adv* again *ammas roobu jalqabe* It has started to rain again. **ammas ammas** *adv* Same as *ammaa amma* above **ammasitti** Same as *ammanatti* above **amma yoomiitti** *adv* (interrogative) for how long *amma yoomiitti wal'aalummaan nutti taphata?* For

how long should we remain ignorant/illiterate? **amma yoonaa** *adv* still; until now; yet *amma yoonaa eessa turte?* Where have you been until now? *ishiin amma yoonaa hin deebine* She hasn't returned yet. **ammayyuu** *adv* still, i.e., even to this time *ammayyuu achuma jiraa?* Is he still there? See also *ammalle* (1) above **ammuu** *conj* when, i.e., at; during the time *ammuu daljeessi dhufu natti himi.* Tell me when the baboons come *ammuu isa arge achi ijaajja ture* When I saw him he was standing there. See also *yammuu*  
**amina** Same as *hammeenya* under *hammaachuu*  
**amma kana** See *amma*<sup>1</sup>  
**amma sana** See *amma*<sup>1</sup>  
**amma yoomitti** See *amma*<sup>2</sup>  
**amma yoonaa** See *amma*<sup>2</sup>  
**ammaachuu** Same as *hammaachuu*  
**ammaarrii** See *ammaaruu*  
**ammaaruu** *tv* scoop up, i.e., take up, usu as much as a hand holds or as much as two cupped hands can hold *Shunburaa ammaarii kenniif* Scoop chick peas up and give him. **ammaarrii** *n* handful of sth scooped up; scoopful *shunburaa ammaarrii tokko naa kennite* She gave me a handful of chick peas.  
**ammacaa** See *ammacuu*  
**ammachuu** Same as *aammachuu*<sup>2</sup>  
 (1)  
**ammacuu** *tv* parch or roast, usu fresh corn *boqqolloo asheeta*

*ammacci* She is roasting fresh corn. *ammacaa* *n* fresh, parched/roast corn  
**ammallee** See *amma*<sup>2</sup>  
**ammam** See *amma*<sup>1</sup>  
**ammamitti** See *amma*<sup>2</sup>  
**ammana** See *amma*<sup>1</sup>  
**ammanaa gadi** See *amma*<sup>1</sup>  
**ammanaan** See *amma*<sup>2</sup>  
**ammanatti** See *amma*<sup>2</sup>  
**ammas** See *amma*<sup>2</sup>  
**ammasitti** See *amma*<sup>2</sup>  
**ammayyaa** See *ammayyeessuu*  
**ammayyeessuu** *tv* modernize  
*ammayyaa* *n* modern  
**ammayyuu** See *amma*<sup>2</sup>  
**ammo** Same as *immo*  
**amna** Same as *imala*  
**amooa** *adj* (usu modifies *xaafii*)  
 white *xaafii amooa kana eessaa bitte?* Where did you buy such white *xaafii*?  
**amoolaa** *adj* of cows and oxen that are hornless  
**amoollee** *n* salt bar  
**amoomota** Same as *amaamota*  
**amphee** Same as *haphee*  
**amtuu** Same as *hamtuu* under  
*hammaachuu* (be mean)  
**amuu** suffix used for changing certain verbs into passive forms; it can be conjugated like any verb, e.g. *bitamuu barbaada* He wants to be bought (to get material or position benefits) *ni bitame* He was bought *ni bitamte* She was bought *ni bitamtan* You are bought *ni bitaman* They are bought *ni bitamne* We were bought

**amuummachiisuu** See *amuummachuu*  
**amuummachuu** *iv* yawn, i.e., open the mouth involuntarily when sleepy or bored *buna barbaada. kanaaf amuummata* He wants coffee. That's why he is yawning. **amuummachiisuu** *tv* make/cause to yawn *dhaba bunaatu na amuumm achiisa* It's lack of coffee that makes me yawn **amuummii** *n* yawning; yawn *amuummiin kee fagootti dhagayama* Your yawning can be heard from a distance.  
**amuummii** See *amuummachuu*  
**amuutaa** Same as *du'a gayii*  
**an** *pron* **1** *I an soba hin jaal'u* I don't like lies. *anuu/aniyyuu hin beeku* Even I don't know. **2** suffixed to a verb, it means (they *pl/honorific*) *kaleessa du'an* They died yesterday, i.e., "they" here could mean many people or he/she referred to respectfully  
**ani** *pron* long form of *an* (1) *anii fi ati gabaa deemna* You and I will go to the market. *ani woo isa hin beekuu, maaliif liqii na gaafata?* I don't know him, so why does he ask me for a loan?  
**ana** *pron* **I** (when used as a subject *tu* is suffixed to it) *anatu isatti hime* I was the one who told him; me (*ana* is mostly used as an object of a sentence *ana malee fira hin qabdu* She has no friends except me **anamoo** *n* conceit, foolhardiness, or recklessness

*anamoo baay'isa* He is full of conceit.

**anaa** *pron* 1 (for) me *anaa maal bitte?* What did you buy for me? It is also possible to suffix -f to this pron, e.g. *anaaf maal bitte? annaa(f) boossi* She is crying for me *anaa(f) jedhee si gargaare* He helped you for my sake 2 in combination with certain verbs, it is used as an expression of commiseration, pity, or sympathy (in this context, -f cannot be suffixed) *anaa dhukkubu yoom si qabe?* I commiserate with you on your illness; when did you fall ill? Speaker A: *anaa nyaatu in/ni beelooftee?* I commiserate with you. Are you hungry? Speaker B: *anaa nyaatuun beela hin/him baasu* Commiseration alone doesn't satisfy one's hunger for food, (so give me food instead of commiserating with me.)

**anaannachuu** Same as *himachuu* (2) under *himuu*

**anaaxii** *n* carpenter

**anamoo** See *ana*

**ancabbii** *n* 1 kind of shrub with aromatic leaves, usu used as broom or medicine 2 Same as *cabbii*

**ancafa** *n* bull's genitals

**ancaqee** *n* chewing gum

**anciroo** *adj n* 1 white sorghum 2 (of fingers) beautiful and slender *qubi ishii anciroo dha* Her fingers are beautiful and slender

**ancootee** *n* (it is cultivated) a vine with edible, potato-like tuber; potato-like tuber of this vine boiled and eaten with fresh butter. It's believed to heal broken bones

**ancufa** *n* 1 saliva or spittle 2 dung, filth, or ordure from the stomach of a slaughtered animal

**andaara** *n* 1 edge or border 2 bough

**andaaree** Same as *andaaraa*

**andaanqoo** Same as *indaaqqoo*

**andaqii** *n* mat made from grass or palm leaves

**andaqqoo** Same as *indaaqqoo*

**andaraafa** *n* chest or breast, usu of animals; breast meat

**andarii** Same as *gugee*

**andarraa** *n* goat/sheep disease that causes swelling, usu on the lips

**andarraquu** *tv* be unable to reach one's goal or complete a project

**andhuura** See *andhuuruu*

**andhuuraa** *n* gift or present, usu from a close relative *sangaan kun andhuuraa abbaa kootii gatii ta'eef hin gurguru* Since this ox is a present from my father, I will not sell it.

**andhuurtuu** See *andhuuruu*

**andhuuruu** *tv* cut and tie the umbilical cord of a newborn baby *akkoo kootu na andhuure jedhan* They say that my grandmother cut and tied my umbilical cord. **andhuura** *n* navel; umbilical cord

**andhuurtuu** *n* a woman who



cuts and ties the umbilical cord of a newborn baby

**andoodē** *n* a plant whose berry-like fruit is ground and mixed with water to produce lather which is used for washing clothes; berry-like fruit of this plant; [phytolacca dodecandra]

**andoolessa** *n* a kind of big bird

**anfaara** *n* 1 dry brush wood, usu seen on branches of trees 2 a plant which in many ways resembles *andoodē*

**anfaaroo** *n* 1 lion's mane 2 cape made from a lion's pelt; cap, usu made from a lion's or baboon's pelt

**anfariiruu** *iv* be frustrated or harassed

**anfariirsuu** *tv* frustrate or harass

**anfarroo** *n* moustache

**anga** *adv* till/until *anga mootutti*

*abdii hin kutatin* Don't give up or despair until you win/triumph

**angaatuu** *adj* ( of female humans)

conscientious, diligent, or hardworking *intala angaatu*

*fuudhe* He married a diligent girl.

**angafa** *n* (animals or persons) 1

elder; eldest *ani angafa isaati* I am

his elder. *isheen ammoo angafa*

*kooti* And she is my elder sister

*inni kun ammoo nuyi*

*hundumaafuu angafa* And this one

is the eldest in our family 2 (usu

refers to plants or crops planted

or sown first) older; oldest

*boqqolloo isa kana moo isa sanatu*

*angafa?* Which one is older: this

corn crop or that one?

**angafummaa** *n* primogeniture or

first-born *angafummaa isaatii*

*jedheen isa kabaje /ulfeesse* I

respected him for being the

eldest **angafuu** *iv* be the first-

born; be older *iseetu na angafa*

She is older than I.

**angafummaa** See *angafa*

**angafuu** See *angafa*

**angam** *adv* Same as *ammam* under *amma*<sup>1</sup>

**angatoo** *n* collar, i.e., usu band of

leather put around the neck of

animals *sareen angatoon itti jiru*

*tokko asiin darbeeraa?* Has a dog

with a collar passed this way?

**anga'uu** *iv* to start lightning *yoo*

*anga'uu jalqabe muka dheeraa jala*

*hin ijaajjin* If it starts lightning,

don't stand under a tall tree

**angaasuu** *n* 1 lightning 2

reflection

**anjaa** *n* convenience

**ankaaboo** *n* a large gourd; see

also *aboree*

**ankaaksee** *n* lance, i.e.,

alpenstock-like spear

**ankaaksuu** See *ankaakuu*

**ankaakuu** *iv* 1 come/fall short;

fail to reach the expected level,

height, etc. or fail to attain a goal

*utubaan ijoo manaa gawuu ankaake*

The column/pillar is too short to

touch the ceiling *lafa yaadde*

*gawuu ankaakte* She/You failed

to attain her/your goal. 2 (of

size, quantity, etc.) be too small

to fit; stop short *kittaan kun na*

*ankaake* This shirt is too small to

fit me *nyaatii ni ankaakee; wal hin*

*geenye* The food stopped short ;  
it was not enough to go  
around/round **ankaaksuu** *tv*  
hinder or prevent directly or  
indirectly, usu when one is  
about to have an advantage  
*akkuma nuyii nyaachuuf qophoofne*  
*iiyyitee nyaata nu ankaaksite* She  
cried for help when we were  
about to eat and thus indirectly  
prevented us from eating (since  
we had to rush to her rescue).

**ankalabaa** *n* lid of a griddle

**ankoloolessa** *n* August

**ankoo** *n* monkey

**ankoolaa** *n* a large gourd cup

**anna** Same as *hanna* See *hatuu*

**annaannoo** Same as *aannan*

**anniisaa** *n* 1. marrow of bones 2

(usu of alcoholic drinks or

persons) marrow, i.e., strength,

vigor, or vitality *farsoon kun*

*anniisaa hin qabu* This beer has no

strength *eddiin dhukkubsadhee*

*fayyee anniisaa baay'e hin qabu*

Since I recovered from my

illness, I haven't had much

strength

**annoolee** *n* 1 Same as *aannoolee* 2 a

cow that is not dry, i.e., that

gives milk still

**anqa** Same as *cirrii arbaa*

**anqaaqsisuu** See *anqaaquu*

**anqaaquu** See *anqaaquu*

**anqaaquu** *tv* lay eggs *indaaqqoon*

*koo anqaaquu soddoma anqaaqxe*

My hen laid thirty eggs.

*indaaqqoon kee torbanitti meeqa sii*

*anqaaqxi*? How many eggs does

your hen lay in a week? See also

*buusuu* (2) **anqaaqsisuu** *tv* keep

a hen for laying eggs, not for

food or sale *indaaqqoo koo nan*

*anqaaqsisaa malee hin gurguru* I'll

keep my hen for laying eggs; I

won't sell her **anqaaquu** *n* egg

(of birds, reptiles, etc.) *anqaaquu*

*bofaa* snake's eggs *anqaaquu*

*goromtii* a small egg; a pullet's

egg **anqaaqxuu** *n* refers to a hen

that is in the process of laying

eggs *indaaqqoon anqaaqxuu*

*hedduu kaakkifti* A hen that is in

the process of laying eggs

cackles a lot

**anqaaqxuu** See *anqaaquu*

**anqachuu** *iv* 1 be inadequate or

insufficient *nyaatatuu anqate malee*

*dhugaatiin hedduu ture* Though

food was insufficient, there were

plenty of drinks 2 come/fall

short of, i.e., fail to reach the

required amount, length,

number, etc. *nama lamatu nu*

*duraa anqate* We fell short by two

persons. **anqisuu** *tv* 1 hinder or

prevent *bookkaatu gabaa dhaa nu*

*anqise* The rain prevented us

from going to the market. 2

make small/ inadequate/

insufficient *maaliif nyaata isaa*

*duraa anqifte/anqiste*? Why did

you make his food so small?

**anquu** *adj*, *n* deficit; shortfall;

being short of, i.e., distant from;

less *kudhan jechuu birri lama*

*anquu dha* It is less than ten by

two birr

**anqalbaa** *n* leather bag or pouch especially made for carrying a baby on the back

**anqaxii** *adj, n* (of sorgho) unusually thin *agadaa anqaxii natti gurgure* He sold me an unusually thin sorgho

**anqisuu** See *anqachuu*

**anqooqqii** See *anqooquu*

**anqooquu** *tv* 1 claw or scratch, i.e., hurt or injure with fingernails or claws *adurreetu na anqooqe* A cat scratched me. 2 (usu used of tonsil) remove *huuba qoonqoo isaa anqooqeef* He removed his tonsil for him  
**anqooqqii** *n* scratch, i.e., cut or injury made by scratching *fuulli isaa anqooqqii qeeransaa duwwaa ta'e* His face was covered with scratches (after he had been attacked by a leopard)

**anquu** See *anqachuu*

**ansara** *n* chaff

**ansoosillaa** *n* henna *arkaa fi milla ishee ansoosillaa dibatte* She colored her hands and feet with henna

**ansoosoo** *adj, n* corn/maize parched or roasted dry, i.e., before being half boiled (cf: *akaayii danfisaa* under *danfuu*)

**antuuta** *n* mouse or rat

**antuutee** *n* 1 muscle, usu of the biceps, i.e., the flexor at the front of the upper arm 2 point, i.e., unit of scoring, usu in a game of riddles *antuutee laman isa nyaachise* I beat him by two

points (lit. I made him eat two points)

**anunnuu** Same as *hanunnuu*

**anxarfaa** *n* a plant the sap of which causes a sore

**anxaxii** *adj, n* thin; brush wood or tinder, i.e., dry twigs or thin firewood used for lighting fires or as fuel *agadaa/qoraan anxaxii* thin sorgho/tinder; see also *anqaxii*

**anxiffachiisuu** Same as *axxiffachiisuu*

**anxiffachuu** Same as *axxiffachuu*

**anyarfamuu** See *anyarsuu*

**anyarsa** See *anyarsuu*

**anyarsuu** *tv* flatter, i.e., tell sb or imply that he/she is more intelligent, important, etc. than he/she really is **anyarfamuu** be flattered **anyarsa** *n* flattery

**aphee** Same as *haphee*

**aphii** Same as *haphii*

**aqaaquu** *tv* (usu used of arm and neck) twist (voluntary or involuntary) *morma koo aqaaqe* He twisted my neck/My neck is twisted.

**aqanqaaluu** *tv* twist one's neck, usu to remove discomfort

**aqooquu** Same as *anqooquu*

**aquu** Same as *haquu*

**aqxuu** Same as *haqxuu*; see *haquu*

**araada** *n* habit, usu the habit of drinking (coffee, alcohol, etc.) or the habit of smoking *araada tiimboo qabdaa?* Do you have smoking habit?

**araadaa** *n* down town, i.e., the main or business center of a town or city

**araajaa** *n* auction *araajaa dhaan gurguran* They sold it by auction

**araama** *adv, n* 1 forbidden or taboo *foon booyyee dur araama ture* pork used to be a taboo 2 never *araama an araqee hin dhugu* I shall never drink liquor. *araama hin oolu; nan dhufa* I shall never fail to come (I will come.)

**araamii** Same as *araama*

**araara** See *araaramuu*

**araaraa**<sup>1</sup> Same as *araada*

**araaraa**<sup>2</sup> *adj, n* (of sun-shine) blazing/sweltering, i.e., oppressively hot and bright *guyyaa araaraa kana keessa eessa deemta?* Where are you going on such a hot, sweltering day?

**araaramuu** *iv* be/become reconciled with sb, or patch up a quarrel *aati manaa isaatii fi inni garaa walddhabanii turani, amma garuu araaramniiru* He and his wife had a misunderstanding, but now they are reconciled

**araara** *n* mercy; peace; reconciliation *araara hin jibbin* Don't hate reconciliation

**araarfachuu** *tv* appease, mollify, or reconcile sb with oneself *haadha manaa koo araarfadheera* My wife has become reconciled with me through my personal effort

**araarsa** *n* peace-making or reconciliation *araarsa jaraa deemna* We are going to bring about a reconciliation between

them. **araarsaa** *n* arbitrator, interceder, mediator, or peace-maker *araarsaan hin aaru* A peace-maker never loses his temper

**araarsituu** Same as *araarsaa*

**araarsuu** *tv* arbitrate, intercede (with sb on behalf of another), mediate between or reconcile sb with sb

**araaruma** *n* reconciliation; compromise *diina keenyaa wajjin araaruma hin barbaannu* We do not want any compromise with our enemies

**araressuu** *tv* build, erect, or put up a temporary fence *Qonnaa keetti araressi* Put up a temporary fence around your farm

**araarfachuu** See *araaramuu*

**araarsa** See *araaramuu*

**araarsaa** See *araaramuu*

**araarsituu** See *araaramuu*

**araarsuu** See *araaramuu*

**araatii** Same as *qoxxii* (1)

**araaxaa** *n* 1 usury *araaxaa nyaatee soorome* He became rich by lending money at a usurious rate or interest. 2 a loan given at a certain interest rate *araaxaa dhaan liqeeffanne* We got interest-bearing loan

**ara'a** Same as *har'a*

**arachuu** Same as *harachuu*; see *haruu*

**araddaa** *n* 1 birthplace 2 farm; holding (of land) *horiin araddaa lixee mindhaan ballessite* Domestic animals entered the farm and ruined the crops

**arafaa** *n* foam, froth, lather, or spume *saamunaan kun arafaa hin qabu* This soap has no foam  
**aramaa** See *aramuu*  
**aramachuu** See *aramuu*  
**aramsiisuu** See *aramuu*  
**aramuu** *tv* weed, i.e., take weeds out of crops *boqqolloo kee yoom aramte?* When did you weed your corn crop? **aramaa** *n* 1 weed *qonnaa koo aramaan na duraa nyaachuuf* My farm is running to weeds 2 weeding *amma yaroo aramaati* Now it is weeding time. **aramachuu** *tv* weed for self *midhaan isaa aramateera* He has weeded his crop. **aramsiisuu** *tv* make/cause to weed *boqqolloo na aramsiisaa oole* He made me weed corn crop all day.  
**arancii** *n* bitter cabbage  
**arangamaa** *n* climber or creeper with tough thorns, usu used as fence  
**araqee** *n* arrack or liquor  
**araraafamuu** Same as *rakkachuu*  
**arawaa** *n* gully/gulley; ravine, i.e., a narrow steep-sided valley  
**arawaca** *adj* 1 spacious *foanaa/mana arawca* a spacious pen/house 2 (usu of a house or premises) open to danger, thieves, etc., because there is no one to guard it *mana arawacatti dhiisee dhufe* He left the house open to thieves and came.  
**arawwaa** Same as *arawaca*  
**arba** *n* 1 elephant 2 eleph-

antiasis of the leg 3 name of the 4<sup>th</sup> day of a month  
**arba'aa** Same as *arbii*  
**arbeessuu** *tv* exaggerate *dubbii hin arbeessin* Don't exaggerate (lit. don't make a small point look like the size of an elephant)  
**arbii**<sup>1</sup> *n* 1 Wednesday 2 god or spirit of Wednesday *arbiin si aballeessu* May the god of Wednesday destroy you  
**arbii**<sup>2</sup> *n* 1 frame of a loom 2 breadth or width of cloths *abujadiin kun hojjaa malee arbii hin qabu* This calico cloth has length, but it has no breadth  
**arbuu** *n* large, thick sycamore-like tree (*ficus sur*)  
**arbuufa** See *arbuufa'uu*  
**arbuufa'uu** *iv* become very fat (lit. become as big as *arbuu*) *ni arbuufofte* She became fat.  
**arbuufa** *adj* obese; very fat *arbuufa taate* She became very fat  
**arcaasuu** See *arca'uu*  
**arcaatuu** See *arca'uu*  
**arca'uu** *iv* (of solids such as grains only) drop or fall, usu one by one or in a small quantity *buna isa konkolaataa irraa arca'ee funaannee, gurgurannee muusii bitanne* We picked coffee beans that dropped/fell from a truck one at a time, sold it, and bought bananas with the money *eda kookii baay'eetu arca'e* Many peaches dropped from the tree last night. **arcaasuu** *tv* 1 drop one by one or in a small quantity *qilleensi edaa kookii baay'ee arcaase*

Last night's wind made many peaches drop. 2 scatter *qoraan asii fi achitti hin arcaasin* Don't scatter the firewood here and there. 3 (used of berries, fruits, flowers, etc) cause to drop *maaltu burtukaana kana hunda muka irraa arcaase?* What made all these oranges drop from the tree? **arcaatuu** *n* small quantity, usu left over or remnant *buna arcaatuu qaba* I have a small quantity of coffee beans

**arummee** *n* twig, usu used as a rod for punishing children

**ardaaga** Same as *oobdii*

**ardii** *n* earth; world  
*miidhagummaan ishee ardii kana irratti hin argamu* Her kind of beauty cannot be found in this world

**ardisiisuu** Same as *argansiisu*

**ardu** Same as *arganuu*

**areeda** *n* 1 beard, goatee; mustache/moustache, side burns, whiskers *ilmi koo areeda baaseera* My son has sprouted a beard 2 goatee of a male goat **areedoo** *adj* bearded

**areera** *n* buttermilk/skim-milk, usu sour

**areerii** *n* the name of the 27<sup>th</sup> day of a month

**areerrachuu** *iv* perform a ritual by touching a live viper with green grass in the belief that one who has done this will be cured of one's stomach ache and will also be able to cure others *buutiitti*

*areerradheera* I have performed the ritual of viper touching.

**areeruu** *tv* dilute milk with water

**arfaasaa** *n* 1 December 2 winter, i.e., rainy season *arfaasaan gale* The rainy season has set in

**arfaasee** *n* red flower that appears in the lowlands as soon as the rainy season sets in

**arfaffaa** Same as *afuraffaa*; see *afur*

**arfan** See *afur*

**arfanuu** See *afur*

**arfii** *n* 1 sharp, tapering point *arfii eeboo* the sharp, tapering point of a spear 2 (of alcoholic beverages) strength *farsoon* see *arfii hin qabu* Her beer has no strength; see also *annisaa* (2)

**argaa** See *arguu*

**argachuu** *tv* 1 find, i.e., recover sb/sth lost *sangaa isaa kaleessa*

**argate** He found his (lost) ox yesterday 2 find, i.e., discover by chance *birri shan karaa irraa*

**argatte** She found five Birr in the street 3 get what one wants, e.g. children, health, wealth, etc. *barana mindhaan baay'ee argate* This year he got good harvest 4 happen *maaliif ture, maaltu isa argate?* Why is he late, what happened to him? 5 (usu imperfective jussive) destroy or overwhelm *dhukkubii ishi ha argatu* May she be exposed to diseases. **argamuu** *tv* (passive) be found *sangaan kee eessatti*

**argame?** Where was your ox found? *intalli miidhagduun akkanaa eessattuu hin argamtu*

Such a beautiful girl is not to be found anywhere.

**argamuu** See *argachuu*

**argannoo** Same as *adamoo*

**argansiisuu** See *arganuu*

**argansuu** See *arganuu*

**arganuu** *iv* gasp or pant, usu after arduous physical activity *maaliif argana?* Why does he pant?

**argansiisuu** *tv* make/cause to gasp/pant *figichoon nama*

*argansiisa* Running makes people pant. **argansuu** *n* panting

*argansuu isaa fagootti dhageenye*

We heard his panting from a distance.

**argisiisuu** Same as *agarsiisuu*; see *arguu*

**argituu** Same as *agartuu*; see *arguu*

**arguu** *iv*, *tv* 1 see, i.e., use the power of sight *jaamaa dha; hin argu* He is blind; he cannot see.

*argitee/agartee obboleessa koo*

*hojjattu malee nyaachuu*

*hindandeessu* You see my brother, you cannot eat unless you work.

2 see sb/sth *isaa mana*

*barnootaatti fiigun isa arge* I saw

him while he was running to

school. *anqaaquu bofaa argitanii*

*/agartanii beektuu?* Have you

ever seen a snake's eggs? 3

(takes *wal*) be introduced to each

other; meet or see each other *wal*

*agarreerraa/argineerraa?* Have we

met? 4 (euphemism) fail to find

sb at home *manaa si argeen*

*deebi'ee deeme* (lit. I saw you at

home, then I returned) Having

failed to find you at home, I left.

**agarsiifachuu** *tv* display; exhibit; show **agarsiisuu** *tv* 1 show

sth/sb to sb *mana ishee natti*

*agarsiifte/agarsiiste* She showed

me her house 2 (used as a threat)

show or teach sb a lesson *yoo lola*

*barbaade ha dhufu; nan agarsiisa* If

he wants to fight let him come; I

will show him! **agartanii**

(pl/honorific, used paren-

thetically) You see! **agartee** (sing.

parenthetical) You see! *agartee!*

*an kaleessa sitti hin imnee* You see!

Didn't I tell you yesterday?

**agartuu** *n* pupil of the eye **argaa**

*n* gift or present usu made on

behalf of a new-born baby

whom close relatives are not

expected to see without a gift or

*argaa. sa'i kun argaa mucaa kootiiti*

This cow is a present for my

baby.

**aria'nii** See *arii*

**arii** *pron* (takes a personal

pronoun; can modify both sing.

and pl) all of *ariin isaanii ha*

*dhufanu* Let all of them come. *arii*

*isaa hin barbaadu* I do not need all

of it. **ari'anii** *pron* (modifies pl

only) all of *diinni keenya ari'anii*

*ha manca'nu* May all our enemies

be destroyed. **ariitee** *pron*

(pejorative) all *sobduun ariitee nu*

*keessaa ha baatu* May all liars be

weeded out from among us.

**ariifachuu** *iv* be in a hurry or be in

haste *maaliif akkana ariifatta?*

Why are you in such a hurry?

**ariifadhu** Hurry up ( used with

2<sup>nd</sup> person, sing) **ariifadhaa**

Hurry up (used with 2<sup>nd</sup> person, pl/honorific) **ariitii** *n* 1 haste; hurry 2 name usu given to a baby born before the normal due date; premature baby

**ariisa** See *ari'uu*<sup>2</sup>

**ariiruu** *iv* be big/huge/large

**ariitee** See *arii*

**ariitii** See *ariifachuu*

**ari'uu**<sup>1</sup> Same as *aryachuu*

**ari'uu**<sup>2</sup> *iv*, *tv* 1 (usu of male animals) serve, i.e., copulate with *kormi koo sa'a kee ari'e* My bull served your cow. 2 (of female animals) be served *hoolaan koo ariiteetti* My ewe has been served (so she must be pregnant). **ariisa** *n* 1 estrus or heat, i.e., readiness for mating *sa'i kun ariisa barbaaddi* This cow is in heat. 2 rut *sangaan koo ariisa qabateera* My bull is in rut. See also *gaana qabuu*

**arjaa** See *arjoomuu*

**arjoomuu** *iv* be generous or liberal in giving sth *anaaf birri shantama buuse*; *akkana arjoome hin/him beeku* He chipped in fifty birr for me; he has never been so generous. **arjaa** *adj* generous, liberal, munificent, or open-handed *isheenis abbaan manaa ishees arjaa dha* Both her husband and herself are generous **arjummaa** *n* generosity or liberality *arjummaa isaatu isa iyyoomse* He has made himself poor by his generosity.

**arjummaa** See *arjoomuu*

**arka** *n* 1 hand; arm *atuu arka hin dhiqatin hin nyaatin* Never eat before you wash your hands. 2 sleeve *arka kittaa kootii naa gabaabsi* Shorten the sleeves of my shirt. 3 (cost of) labor *gatii arka isaa kenniteettaafii?* Have you paid him for his labor? 4 in the name of *arka waaq hin/him beeku* In the name of God I don't know 5 (usu of traditional doctor or craftsman) have the ability to cure or the ability to do sth right *arki isaa qoricha* His hand is medicinal and effective *kittaa kee kana eenyutu sii hodhe?* *arki isaa baay'ee gaarii dha* Who tailored this shirt for you? He has great ability. **arka arka jechuu** *iv* (usu of food) go bad or spoil *nyaati tokko tokko dafee arka arka jedha* Some kinds of food spoil fast. **arka arraa/irraa fudhachuu** *tv* discontinue or stop helping sb, usu materially *dur isatuu na gargaara ture amma arka na irraa/arraa/narraa fudhateera* He used to help me, but now he has stopped. **arka arra/irra qabuu** *iv* cover up for, protect, or whitewash, i.e., gloss over or conceal failures, flaws, weakness etc. of sb *maaliif akkana arka isa irra/arra qabda?* Why do you cover up for him so much? **arka bulee** *adv* (usu used at breakfast time) without washing the hands *arka buleen nyaata*; *akka gugee kaata* He eats before washing his hands; he runs



(flies) like a pigeon (used by children to tease each other)  
**arka duwwaa** *adv* 1 nothing in the hand; empty-handed *gabaa dhaqee arka duwwaa deebi'ee gale* He went to the market and returned empty-handed, i.e., without bringing anything home  
**2** without money; broke *ani har'a/hardha umaa hin qabu; arka duwwaa dha* Today I have nothing; I'm broke **arka fuuchaa** *n* a congratulatory visit to a woman who has given birth recently *arka fuuchaa isheetii deebi'u* They are returning after paying her a congratulatory visit. **arka fuuchuu** *tv* 1 greet sb; shake hands with sb as a greeting or after reaching an agreement; give one's hand on a bargain *arka fuune* Greetings! *birri dhibbaan itti gurguri; jedhaa arka wal fuudhaa* Sell it to him for 100 Birr. Common, shake hands, i.e., make/strike a bargain **2** pay a congratulatory visit to a woman who has given birth recently *kaleessa dhuftee arka na fuute* She paid me a congratulatory visit yesterday.  
**arka jabaachuu** *iv* be stingy **arka jalaa fudhachuu** Same as *arka arraa/irraa fudhachuu* **arka kennuu** *tv* give oneself up or surrender *diina keetti arka hin kennin* Don't surrender to your enemy **arka keessa qabachuu** *tv* (usu of work, of what one is eating or drinking) lie down on

the job; spare, i.e., eat or drink in small quantities so as not to finish fast *maaliif hojii arka keessa qabatu?* Why are they lying down on the job? *amma jarri hundi dhufanutti dhugaatii kee arka keessa qabadhu* Drink (what you are now drinking) sparingly until all the others arrive. **arka namaa eeggachuu** *tv* depend, i.e., be dependent upon another/others for one's material need instead of being self-reliant *amma yoomiitti arka namaa eegganna?* For how long should we remain dependent on others? **arka namaa ilaaluu** Same as *arka namaa eeggachuu* above **arka namaatiin buluu** *iv* be completely dependent on sb *arka abbaa manaa isheetiin bulti* She is dependent on her husband. *ofi danda'aa; arka namaatiin hin bulinaa* Be self-reliant; don't depend on others. **arka namaatii nyaachuu** *tv* get help/ favors from *arka kootii nyaatee na gate* He neglected me after all the favors I had done him (how ungrateful!) **arka tokko, arka lama, arka sadii ...** *adj* one/two/ three...of equal divisions/parts *inni arka afur keessaa arka tokko argate* Of something divided into four equal parts, he got one part, i.e., 25%

**arkaa prep** (in combination with certain verbs) from one's hands *si arkaa (sirkaa) kufee cabee?* Did it

drop out of your hand and break? **arkaa baduu** *tv* 1 lose *hoolaa isaatu arkaa bade* He lost his sheep. 2 forget *maqaa isaatu na arkaa (narkaa) bade* I forgot his name. **arkaa bawuu** *tv* 1 break away (from) escape *gogorrii qabadheen ture narkaa baate malee* I caught a partridge, but it broke away (from my hand) 2 let slip or miss a chance or an opportunity *awuu sana bituu dideen sangaan sun narkaa baye* I refused to buy that ox then; I missed an excellent opportunity **arkaa fuuchuu** *tv* 1 take sth/sb away from *mucaa arkaa aaduu fuudhi* Take away the knife from the child's hands 2 relieve sb of sth, usu of what is being carried *ba'aa abbaa kee arkaa fudhi* Relieve your father of his load, i.e., carry it for him, or take it off his head/shoulders and put it down. **arkaa qabaachuu** *tv* 1 have sth in the hand; have in hand *birri shan duwwaan arkaa qaba* I have only five birr in hand 2 (takes *ojii*) be busy *ojiin arkaa qaba amma dhufuu hin danda'u* I am busy; I can't come now. **arkaa nyaachuu** *tv* 1 be lost in water *mi'a koo narkaa (na arkaa) nyaate malee an daakeen ce'ee* Though my things were lost in the water, I swam and crossed. 2 feed sb *narkaa (na arkaa) nyaataa hamaa natti yaada* I feed him and bring him up and yet he wants to bite the hand that has fed him!

**arkaan** *prep* 1 with the hand *fal'aana darbatee arkaan nyaate* He threw away the spoon and ate with his hand. 2 make sth unpleasant happen by one's fault *iiyyuma isaa kana arkaan ofitti fide: maaliif orii isaa dhugaatiitti fixe?* He brought about his own financial ruin: why did he squander his money on booze? **arkaan bulchuu** *tv* stint, control, or manage sb too strictly, e.g. by deciding how much food one should get, what one should do and not do, etc. *abbaan manaa koo arkaan na bulcha* My husband stints me too strictly. **arkee** *n* a plate made of wood **arkifachuu** See *arkisuu* **arkiiftuu** See *arkisuu* **arkisoo** *n* corn porridge **arkisuu** *tv* 1 drag, draw, or pull *hin dhiibin arkisi malee* Don't push it; pull it. 2 lead, i.e., conduct sb/animal by the hand or a rope *farda maaliif arkiftaa maaliif hin yaabbanne?* Why do you lead the horse? Why don't you ride it instead? 3 pull, i.e., draw or suck, usu at a straw *gaayyaa arkisa* He is pulling at his pipe. 4 involve, i.e., cause sb to be caught in a problem, trouble, etc. *dubbii natti hin arkisin* Don't involve me in the matter, i.e., by bringing an unnecessary problem home. **arkifachuu** *tv* 1 (of animals being led by a halter/rope) resist, i.e., refuse to be led by pulling backwards

*fardi kun in/ni arkifata* This horse is resisting. **2** lag behind, i.e., be left behind, usu when walking with sb; be unable to keep pace with sb *maa booddetti arkifattaa?* Why are you plodding along far behind me? **arkiftuu** *n* leather strap/rope that connects the yoke with the plow beam **duubatti arkiftuu** *n* a reactionary person *duubatti arkiftuun yaada haaraa hin jaal'attu* A reactionary does not like new ideas.

**arkuu** Same as *harkuu*

**arma**<sup>1</sup> *n* **1** human/animal breast, i.e., two round pieces of flesh on women's chest that produces milk *mucaa arma hoosis* Breast feed or suckle the baby. **2** udder; teat **arma hodhuu** *tv* **1** suck *mucaan arma hodhutti jira* The baby is sucking its mother's breast. **2** make sb, usu an influential man one's patron, guardian, or foster-parent after a ritual of sucking his breast symbolically *arman isaan hodhe malee abbaa koo miti* He is not my biological father; he is my patron father. **arma hoosisuu** *tv* **1**. breast feed or suckle *amman mucaa arma hoosisuutti ati ammoo buna nuu danfisi* While I am breast feeding the baby you fix the coffee for us. **2** make sb (usu male) one's adopted son after letting him suck one's breast symbolically *arman isa hoosise malee ilma koo miti* He is my

foster-son; he is not my biological son. **arma jige** (lit. breasts that have sagged due to age can never erect again naturally) *adv* impossible; never *arma jige an saba koo hin ganu* I shall never ever betray my people.

**arma**<sup>2</sup> *adv* here *arma kaa'i* Put it here

**armaa gadi** *adv* below *gabatee armaa gadi jiru irraa ilaali* Look it in the table below

**armee** *n* mother; *mama*, usu used as a term of endearment to address or refer to one's mother *armee koo maal sii godhu?* What shall I do for you my dear mother? See also *dayee*

**arna** *n* method or technique of doing sth

**aroo**<sup>1</sup> Same as *haroo*

**aroo**<sup>2</sup> *n* ( of a farm) a division or row (about five meters wide between two furrows by which the row is usu marked off) indicating how much is to be plowed, weeded, etc. at a time *aroo shan duwwaa qoteen daxxabe* I was tired after plowing only five rows; see also *bo'oo* and *qabaa* (**2**) under *qabuu*

**arooressa** Same as *harooressa*

**arqa** Same as *carqa*

**arquu** Same as *carquu*

**arra** *prep* **1** above or over, i.e., not in contact with the surface of *anuma dhungachuu jedhee dallaa arra utaaalee dhufe* He jumped over the fence and came just to

give me a kiss. *daatuu mataa isaa arra qabi* Hold the umbrella above his head. *arra utaalii* Jump over it. **2** on, i.e., indicating position in contact with and supported by the surface of *sireerraa (siree arra) taa'aa* Sit on the bed. *fagaara isaarra (isaa arra) waraane* He stabbed him on his but (buttocks). **3** better/ more ... than *narra (na arra) ishee jaal'ata* He loves her more than he loves me. **arra aanuu** *iv* **1** be on sb's side or side with *isarra (isa arra) aantee na rukutte* She sided with him and hit me. See also *arra goruu* and *tumsuu* **2** overcome *rakkoolee keenya hunda arra in/ni aanna* We shall overcome all our problems. **arra buusuu** *tv* **1** (usu used of blankets, clothes, leaves, etc.) put over *bullukkoo narra (na arra) buusi* Put a blanket over me **2** pay the difference, usu when bartering for sth *yoo sangaa koo dhaltii keetiin geeddarachuu barbaadde birri soddoma arra naa buusi* If you want to barter my ox with your cow, pay me a difference of thirty birr. **arra bu'uu** *iv* mount or get on (a bicycle, a horse, a truck, etc) *farda isaarra (isaa arra) bu'ee qajele* He mounted his horse and went away. **arra dabarsuu** *tv* cause to exceed the limit, usu of measurement, weight, etc. *arra dabarsee naa kenne* He gave me more than what he was supposed to **arra dhangalaasuu**

*tv* **1** plate, i.e., cover another metal with copper, gold, tin, etc. *bitawoo koorra warqee naa dhangalaase* He plated my bracelet with gold. **2.** (of a liquid in a container) overflow *xoofoo guuttee arra dhangalaafte* She filled the cup unti it overflowed. **arra dhangala'uu** *iv* overflow *xoofoon koo guuttee arra dhangala'e* My cup was so full that it overflowed. **arra darbuu** *iv* exceed the limit or the quantity intended to be sold at a fixed weight, price, etc. *bunni kun safara arra darbe* This coffee exceeded the weight at which it was supposed to be sold. **2** excuse ; overlook; forgive *har'aaf arra naa darbi* Excuse me for today (I won't repeat the mistake I had made). **3** pass/stride over sth *arra darbi* Pass over it **arra deebisuu** Same as **arra deebi'uu** *iv* go over or repeat an action, usu to check its accuracy or to make sure that it is done properly *lammata arra deebi'ee qote* He tilled the land for the second time. *arra deebi'ee lakkaaye* He counted it again. **arra diboo** *n* hot bread spread with butter and pepper **arra goruu** *iv* side with; stick up for sb; support **arra jiraachuu** *aux, tv* **1** owe sb/sth *kan koo birri shantu arra jira* He owes me five birr **2** have to; must *jaal'atus jibbus namichi birri koo shanan naa deebisuutu arra jira* Whether he

likes it or not, the man has to/must pay me back my five birr. **arra kaawuu** Same as *arra buusuu* (2) above **aratti baramuu** (passive) [usu of character or intentions] be unmasked *sobi isaa arratti baramaera* His hypocrisy is unmasked. **arratti baruu** *tv* discover sb's true character or intentions *soba isaa arratti barreerra* We now know that he is a hypocrite

**arraa prep** 1 off, i.e., not on, down from, or away from *farda arraa kufee arka isaa cabse* He fell off a horse and broke his arm. 2 from, i.e., indicating the material used in a process *araqeen kun maal arraa baye?* From what grain is this liquor made? 3 (usu of clothing, hat, shoes, etc.) on *gonfoon isaa arraa hin miidhagu* A hat does not look nice on him. **arraa baduu** *tv* (usu of a husband) abandon or forsake, usu a wife and/or children *abbaan manaa koo eega narraa (na arraa) badee waggaa torba* It has been seven years since my husband abandoned me. **arraa baasuu** *tv* 1 (of clothes, leash, rope, etc.) strip (off); remove from; untie *hattuun wayyaa narraa baaftee/baastee qullaatti na ambifte/ambiste* Thieves stripped me naked. *hoolaa arraa funyoo baasi* Untie the sheep by removing the rope off its feet, neck, etc. *kophee ofi irraa baasii miila/miilla dhiqadhu* Take off

your shoes and wash your feet. 2 skin *hoolaa qalee gogaa arraa baase* He killed a sheep (for food) and skinned it. **arraa bawuu** (takes *ulfa*) *iv* 1 miscarry; abort *ulfatu arraa baye* She miscarried. 2 Same as *arraa baduu* above **arraa cabsuu** *tv* 1 break off, i.e., a part of the main object *buddeena hunda him barbaadu; arraa cabsi naa kenni* I don't want the whole bread; break off a piece and give it to me. 2 punish thoroughly and force an issue to a conclusion *yoo boowuu dhiisuu didde, sirraan (si arraan) cabsa* If you don't stop crying, I will punish you until you cry your eyes out. **arraa cabuu** *iv* 1 break off sth *mukti muka arraa caba qoraan ta'a* Wood that is broken off a tree can be used as firewood. 2 satisfy one's hunger, thirst, or desire for alcohol, tobacco, etc.; have one's sleep out *irribi isaa arraa ha cabuu hin dammaqsin* Don't wake him up, let him have his sleep out. **arraa galchuu** Same as *arraa cabsuu* **arraa jala/jela** *adj* not even or uniform, i.e., varies in form, quality, etc. *akaayiin buna kanaa arraa jela* These coffee beans are not parched evenly **arraa qabaachuu** *tv* owe sb sth *iseen birri shan narraa qabdi, ani ammoo isa arraa birri torban qaba* I owe her five birr, and he owes me seven birr **arraa qabuu** *tv* separate (usu fighting people or

animals) *ijoollee kana wal irraa qabi* Separate these children who are fighting. **arraan** *adv* on the upper side *kopheen isaa arraan dhume* The uppers of his shoes are worn out. **arraan bawuu** *tv* usu arrive suddenly and catch sb red-handed *atuu inni hatuun arraan baye* I caught him red-handed while he was stealing.

**arraabsisa** Same as *cuunfaa*

**arraabsisuu** See *arraabuu*

**arraabuu** *tv* 1 lick *sa'i jabbii*

*arraabutti jirti* The cow is licking the calf. 2 (usu of flames) burn to the ground *abiddi marga arraabe*

The fire (flames) burned the grass to the ground. 3 (of fungus of the head) cause the hair to fall

*maaltuu rifeensa isaa arraa arraabe*

What is it that made his hair fall off? 4 pay for, i.e., suffer

punishment for saying sth bad to sb *dubbii amma naan jette in/ni*

*arraabda* You will pay for what you have just said to me.

**arraabsisuu** *tv* cause to lick *quba isee jabbii arraabsiste/arraabsifte*

She made the calf lick her finger.

**arraagecha** Same as *arraagessa*

**arraagessa** *n* crow; raven

**arraan** See *arraa*

**araba** *n* 1 tongue, i.e., the

movable organ in the mouth 2

abuse, insult, or sharp tongue

*araba ishii hin jaal'u* I don't like

her sharp tongue *arrabi lafee hin*

*qabdu; lafee namaa cabsiti* (saying)

The tongue itself has no bones,

but it breaks people's bones. 3

animal's tongue used as food  
*arabii hoolaa yoo akka gaariitti*

*affeelame baay'ee mi'aaya* If boiled

well, sheep-tongue is very

delicious **arraba abiddaa** *n* flame

(of a fire) **arraba boqqolloo** *n*

tongue-like shoot on the stalk of

corn which eventually turns into

corn on the cob **arrab didaa** *adj*

dumb or mute **arraba gadi**

**baasuu** *tv* put one's tongue out

*mee qongqoo keen ilaalaa arraba kee*

*gadi baasi* Put out your tongue so

that I can look at your throat.

**araba namatti baasuu** *tv* put

one's tongue out at sb *namichi*

*gadheen sun maaliif arraba natti*

*baasa?* Why does that bad man

put his tongue out at me? **arrabi**

**nama diduu** *iv* be tongue-tied or

be unable to speak due to

drunkenness, illness, etc. *machii*

*dhaan arrabi isaa dide* He became

tongue-tied because he is drunk.

**arrabmuraa** *n* grass with wide,  
sharp blades

**arrabsiisuu** See *arrabsuu*

**arrabsoo** See *arrabsuu*

**arrabsuu** *tv* abuse, call sb names,

or insult *gatii aarte na arrabsite*

She/You called me names

because she was/you were

angry. **arrabsiisuu** *tv* cause to

abuse, call sb names, or insult

*situ mucaa kana na arrabsiisa* You

are the one who is making this

kid call me names, i.e., by

encouraging the kid to do so

**arrabsoo** *n* insult *arrabsoo*

*akkanaa dhaggeeffachuu hin/him*

*barbaadu* I don't want to listen to such an insult.

**arragoola** Same as *allagoola*

**arree** Same as *harree*

**arreeduu** *iv* go fast; run *ni arreedu* He ran.

**arreerii** *n* name of the 21<sup>st</sup> day of a lunar month

**arreerii duraa** *n* name of the 20<sup>th</sup> day of a month

**arritaa** *n* hyena; see also *waraabessa*

**arsama** *adj, n* 1 a woman's leather petticoat 2 awkward, foolish, or slovenly person *arsama kanatti hin eerumu* I won't marry this awkward man

**artuu** Same as *hartuu*; see *haruu*

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**aryachuu** *tv* chase/drive away; kick sb out *daljeessa qonnaa keessaa aryadhu* Chase the baboons out of the farm *haadha manaa isaa manaa aryate* He kicked out his wife

**as** *adv* here, i.e., at or in this place *as kaayi* Put it here. *as butadhu* Come closer. *as irra taa'i* Sit here on this (bed, chair, etc.) *as keessa jira* It is here in this (box, forest; room, etc.) **asi nyaachuu** *iv* lose one's capital, let alone get profit

**asitti** *adv* (here) at this place *asitti wal geenya* We will meet here, (i.e., have our meeting here)

*asitti na eegi* Wait for me here.

**asuma** *adv* (usu emphatic) here and no where else *asuma dhokate* He hid here (and nowhere else, I'm sure)

**asaaba** Same as *yaaddoo*; see *yaaduu*

**asaabala** *n* 1. a large, black, red-beaked bird whose presence is considered a bad omen, usu for small children, calves, or lambs 2. a handsome man with good gait and posture

**asaangira** *n* jimson, stramonium, or thorn apple

**asaangiree** Same as *asaangira*

**asaasa** See *asaasuu*

**asaasoo** Same as *asaasa* under *asaasuu*

**asaastuu** See *asaasuu*

**asaasuu** *iv* 1 whisper *maaliif asaasta, ol qabii dubbadhu* Why are you whispering, speak up 2 Same as *tiifuu*; see also *qececuu*

**asaasa** *n* 1 whisper 2 Same as *tiiffu*, see under *tiifuu* also *qececa* under *qececuu* **asaastuu** *n* whisperer

**asaloo** Same as *kichuu*

**asastuu** *n* 1 cloth used for wiping baking pan/griddle 2 oil/oil seeds for greasing a baking pan/griddle

**Asellaa** *n* capital of Arsii, southern Oromiyaa

**aseelloo** *n* god

**aseennaa** *n* type of marriage whereby a girl moves to the house where the man she loves lives and refuses to leave until he marries her

**aseeta** Same as *asheeta*

**asgorii** *n* edible beans that grow on vines

**asguurii** *n* magic; like/as if by magic, i.e., invisible power believed to diminish/lessen or take away (the quantity of) things like beer, dough, or liquor  
*asguurii maaliitu bukoo koo fixe?*  
What magic/invisible power has used up my dough?

**ashaa** *n* slogan

**ashaabala** Same as *asaabala* (2)

**ashaakiltii** Same as *ataakiltii*

**ashaaroo** See *ashaaruu*

**ashaaruu** *tv* parch or roast grain such as barley, corn, sorghum the flour of which is used for brewing beer or for making liquor  
*ashaaroo ashaarutti jirti* She is parching grain the flour of which will be used for brewing.  
**ashaaroo** *n* parched grain the flour of which is used for brewing  
*ashaaroo daakaa jirti* She is grinding parched grain the flour of which is to be used in brewing

**ashaboo** *n* salt *namni tokko tokko buna ashaboo dhaan dhuga* Some people drink coffee with salt.  
**ashaboo ta'uu** *tv* be or become very dear or expensive  
*barana bunni ashaboo ta'e* Coffee has become very expensive this year

**ashada** Same as *asheeta*

**ashamuu** *tv* braid hair in a hurry with the result that each plait or braid is very thick

**asham** hello; hi, i.e., an expression of greeting used with 2<sup>nd</sup> person, sing. usu used to greet a person who is carrying a

load or who is doing physical work  
*Asham, in/ni daxxabdee, ba'aa kee si furuu?* Hi, are you tired? Shall I relieve you of your load?

**ashamaa** hell/hi, i.e., an expression of greeting used with 2<sup>nd</sup> person, pl/honorific, usu used to greet a person who is carrying a load, etc.  
*ashamaa, taa'aa afuura fudhaa* Hi! sit down and rest.

**ashandhabee** Same as *ashanabee*

**ashannabee** See *ashannabuu*

**ashannabuu** *iv* joke or jest too much and too often  
**ashannabee** *n* joker or jester

**ashanquxii** *n* a kind of plant with a sweet smelling leaf that is usu used for processing butter

**ashara** *n* coffee hull, i.e., the dry outer covering that remains after the coffee beans are extracted

**ashartii** Same as *maxxannee*

**asheeta** See *asheetuu*

**asheetii** Same as *asheeta* under *asheetuu*

**asheetuu** *iv* (applies to grain, e.g. barley, chick-peas, corn/maize, horse beans, peas, sorghum, wheat, etc. that may be eaten raw) be/become ripe  
*shunburaan asheeteeraa* The chick-pea (crop) has ripened.  
**asheeta** *adj, n* 1 ripe (ear of corn, chick-pea, horse beans) *shunburaa asheeta* ripe chick-pea crop  
2 usu ripe ear of corn, chick-pea) *asheeta nyaadhu* Eat ripe ear of corn, for example.



**ashifachuu** *iv* be headstrong, intractable, recalcitrant, or unruly; defy or resist (counsel, guidance, order, work, etc.); refuse to comply *waan an ittimuu* (*itti himu*) *hunda ashifata* He defies everything I tell him.

**ashifataa** *adj* unruly *sangaan ashifataan kun ammas qambarrii cabsee fiige* This unruly ox broke the yoke again and ran away.

**ashifataa** See *ashifachuu*

**ashiita** Same as *asheeta*

**ashiitii** Same as *asheetii*

**ashoosillaa** Same as *ansosillaa*

**ashquraa** *n* bell

**ashuffee** *n* kind of grass

**ashuu** Same as *ishoo*

**ashuuqii** *n* horse beans or peas first parched and then half-boiled, usu eaten one by one after removing the hull with the front teeth

**asii** *adv* from here or from this place; here *asii deemi* Go away (from here/this place) *deemi asii* Go away from here (said with irritation). *asii nyaatu/dhuguu* They eat/drink here. *asii maal barbaadu/godhu* What do they want from here/What are they doing here? **asii fi achi** *adv* about; here and there *maaliif bosona keessa asii fi achi fiigu?* Why are they running about in the forest? **asii fi achi dhawuu** *iv* cheat *asii fi achi dhayaa jiraata* He makes a living by cheating. **asii fi asitti** *adv* (right) under one's very nose *sangaa koo asii fi asitti*

*na jalaa hatan* They stole my ox right under my very nose.

**asitti** See *as*

**askutii** *n* 1 porridge prepared for guests who come to visit a woman after she has given birth 2 porridge prepared by a man who has performed feats of valor and served to men who wish to accept the challenge to perform similar feats of valor *askutii hundi hin nyaatu dhiira malee* Only valorous men (i.e., only those virile men who vow to accept a challenge to perform feats of courage) can eat such porridge

**asmaa** Same as *kudhaama*; see *kudhaammachuu*

**asmaaree** *n* a divorcee(women only) who lives alone and who is not remarried yet

**asmaarii** *n* minstrel, i.e., usu a traveling singer and also a player of *masaanqoo*

**asoosama** *n* fantasy; imagination; novel; work of fiction

**asoosicha** *n* writer; author

**asooyyee** *n* a wedding song sung by girls who through it disparage the groom or the bride

**as sambata** Same as *sanbata*

**as sanbata** *n* Sunday

**asuma** See *as*

**asxaa** Same as *aasxa*

**at** (short form of *ati*) *pron* you *anii fi ati asitti afna* You and I will remain here. *ati umaa hin/him balleessine* You have done nothing wrong. *ati hin dhufin an*

*nan dhufaa* Don't come, I will come  
**ataakiltii** Same as *akaakiltii*  
**atakamaa** *adj* 1 (of male humans or animals) determined, headstrong, obstinate, stubborn, or unyielding *namichi kun atakamaa dha* This man is stubborn. 2 (usu of wood that is difficult to or that does not split easily) tough *muki kun atakamaa dha hin falaxamu*. This wood is tough; it does not split easily.  
**atakaroo** See *atakaruu*  
**atakaruu** *tv* argue with sb *naan hin atakar* Don't argue with me.  
**atakaroo** *adj*, *n* 1 argument or wrangling 2 disputatious person  
**atalaa** *n* draff, dregs, or lees *sa'i tokko tokko atalaa jaal'atti* Some cows like draff.  
**atara** *n* *pea*  
**atarii** Same as *atara*  
**atattama** Same as *jerjersuu*  
**atattamuu** Same as *jerjeruu*; see also *ariifachuu* and *sardamuu* under *sarduu*  
**ateetee** *n* deity or divinity which women worship in the belief that "it" makes them fertile, happy, healthy, prosperous, etc *bal'oo dhufu ateetee baafatti* She is having the *ateetee* ceremony this coming Tuesday.  
**ati** Same as *at*  
**atoomsuu** See *atoomuu*  
**atoomuu** *iv* 1 be organized and consolidated 2 be reconciled; see also *araaramu atoomsuu tv* 1

organize; consolidate 2 Same as *araarsuu* 3 encourage  
**attam** Same as *akkam*  
**attuu** Same as *hattuu*  
**atuu**<sup>1</sup> Same as *hatuu*  
**atuu**<sup>2</sup> *adv* 1 while *atuu inni asi taa'ee odeessuu daljessi midhaan balleesse* The baboons ruined the crop while he was sitting here and talking. 2 (indicating wish or unfulfilled condition) if *atuu hojjannee in/ni sooromna* If we work, we will be rich. *atuun achi jiraadhee haati koo hin duutu turte* If I had been there, my mother would not have died.  
**awaannisa** *n* locust  
**awaantaa** *n* beautifully braided women's hair style  
**awaasaa** Same as *hawaasaa*  
**awaataa** *n* a title used for addressing or referring to newlyweds  
**awaayata** *n* ceiling  
**awandaroo** *n* porridge served in a house of a woman in confinement, usu eaten by women on the 5<sup>th</sup> day after delivery  
**awixii** Same as *xossaa*  
**awucaacii** *n* a method of exposing a suspected criminal by a general assembly of (usu) male members of a community *awucaacii dhaan hattuu baafne* We exposed the thief through a consensus of the general assembly

**awuliyaa** *n* genie or spirit  
believed to protect "its"  
followers

**awus** *adv* at the time/ then *awus*  
*eessa turte?* Where were you at  
that time? *ani awus hin dhalanne* I  
was not born then.

**awusaa** *n* 1 a beverage, made  
from *caatii* (see) and honey  
boiled together, drunk hot, usu  
during religious ceremony 2  
blanket

**awuu**<sup>1</sup> *adv* 1 when *awuu inni dhufu*  
*natti himi* Tell me when he  
comes. 2 at this time; at that  
time; then *bor awuu kana kottu*  
Come tomorrow at this time.  
*awuu sana an hedduu xinnoon ture*  
I was very small then/at that  
time

**awuu**<sup>2</sup> Same as *aawuu*

**awwaa** *adj, n* 1 space *awwaan*  
*kabale* I slapped empty space, i.e.,  
I missed what I wanted to slap. 2  
(fig) empty, vacant, or void  
*gonnaan isaa awwaa dha* His farm  
is empty, i.e., there is no crop,  
house, etc. on it.

**awwaachuu** Same as *owwaachuu*

**awwaal diigecha** Same as  
*waldiigessa*

**awwaala** See *awwaaluu*

**awwaalamuu** See *awwaaluu*

**awwaaldiigessa** Same as  
*waldiigessa*

**awwaaluu** *tv* 1 bury, i.e., place a  
corpse in a grave *eessatti isa*  
*awwaalani?* Where did they bury  
him? 2 bury, i.e., hide from view;  
cover with earth, dirt, etc.; put

under ground *horii isaa baankii*  
*keeyachuu dhiisee manatti awwaala*  
Instead of depositing his money  
in a bank, he buries it in the  
house. *adurreen udaan ishii in/ni*  
*awwaalti* Cats bury their shit.

**awwaala** *n* 1 burial place,  
cemetery, grave, or tomb *kun*  
*awwaala akkoo kootiiti* This is my  
grandmother's grave. 2 funeral  
*awwaala deemani* They have gone  
to the funeral **awwaalamuu** *tv*  
(passive) 1 be buried or interred  
*kaleessa awwaalame* He was  
buried yesterday. 2 be  
completely neglected *biirottii*  
*kana keessatan awwaalame hafe*  
I'm completely neglected and  
left behind in this damn little  
office **awwaalli namaa marga**  
**baasuu** *tv* be dead a long time  
ago *maal hin dhageenyee? eega*  
*du'ee tureera; awwaalli isaayyuu*  
*marga baaseera* What? You  
haven't heard! He died long  
time ago. (fig) He died so long  
ago that grass has already grown  
over his grave.. **awwaalsisuu** *tv*  
attend a funeral ceremony  
*awwaalsiseen dhufe* I attended his  
funeral and returned. **ijaajjiitti**  
**nama awwaaluu** *tv* (fig) bury sb  
alive, i.e., wrong sb or treat sb  
unjustly *waggaa kudhan guutuu*  
*mindaa naa hin dable; ijaajjiitti na*  
*awwaalaniim bar!* They haven't  
given me any raise for ten years;  
they treated me unjustly!

**awwaannisa** Same as *awaannisa*  
**awwaara** See *awwaara'uu*

**awwaara'uu** *iv* (used of dust, powder, etc.) blow; become dusty *barbareetu ija kootti awwaara'e* The pepper powder blew into my eyes. *iddoon kun baay'ee awwaara'e* This place became very dusty. **awwaara** *adj*, *n* 1 dust, usu dry earth in the form of fine powder *awwaara hin kaasin* Don't raise the dust *awwaarrii ka'eera* The dust has risen 2 (usu of salt) powdery, i.e., like powder *ashaboo awwaara natti gurguran* They sold me powdery salt (instead of granulated salt). cf. *quroo awwaaressuu* *tv* cause dust to rise *natti hin awwaaressin* Don't raise dust (at me); see also *owwaara*

**awwaaroo** *n* barren sorghum head with soot-like edible powder; smut

**awwaasaa**<sup>1</sup> *n* a variety of maize/corn that ripens relatively fast *awwaasaa waasii dhiiraa* You corn that ripe fast, you are a man's collateral/guarantee, i.e., a man who grows you can borrow money easily because the lender knows you ripe fast and be changed into cash soon.

**awwaasaa**<sup>2</sup> *n* (applies to men only) a guarantor

**awwachuu** *tv* 1 depend on or reckon on sb/sth and usu act or talk with much confidence *waan awwatte qabdi kanaaf akkana aasofti* She must reckon on sb's backing; that is why she talks with so

much confidence. 2 court a girl secretly and marry her without her parent's knowledge and without a wedding ceremony, etc. *ishii gaa'ilaan hinfuune nan awwadhe malee*. I did not marry her through the normal channel; I tactfully made her elope with me. **awwii** *n* elopement or secret marriage *awwii badde* She eloped with a man. cf., *butuu* (3)

**awwajamaa** See *awwajuu*<sup>2</sup>

**awwajamtuu** See *awwajuu*<sup>2</sup>

**awwajoo** See *awwajuu*<sup>1</sup>

**awwajuu**<sup>1</sup> *tv* preserve fresh, ripe ear of corn after boiling it and drying it, usu near a fireplace. Such corn tastes fresh enough when reboiled and eaten, say after six months *boqqolloo isa kana awwaji* Preserve this corn **awwajoo** *n* preserved corn on the cob

**awwajuu**<sup>2</sup> 1. drive, i.e., cause to work very hard; cause to bustle, hasten, hurry, hustle, or rush *maaliif akkana ishii awwajjaa?* Why do you drive her like that? 2 fan a fire *abidda kana itti awwaji* Fan this fire. **awwajamaa** *adj*, *n* (male) hard driven or driver; a man who bustles a lot. *namichi awwajamaan kun nama awwaja* This hard driven man drives people too hard. **awwajamtuu** *n* (person) hard driven or driver; woman or man who bustles a lot **awwawwoo** *n* great-grand parent **awwii** See *awwachuu* and also *awwu*

**awwisoo** *n* musical band; troupe,  
*Oromiyaa keessa awwisoo*  
*bebbeekamoo hedduutu jira* There  
are many famous musical bands  
in Oromiyaa.

**awwu** *iv* covet, desire, or wish  
*taa'anii awwuun maal namaa*  
*godha?* What is the use of sitting  
and wishing? **awwii** *n* desire, or  
wish *awwiin duwwaan eessaanuu*  
*si hin gawu* Wishing alone does  
not take you anywhere.

**axaa** See *axaawuu*

**axaarii** *adj* (of a person) very  
shrewed, smart, or wise in  
taking advantage of sb; smart-  
alecky or wise guy *axaariin kun*  
*na gowwoomsu barbaada* This  
smart-alecky or wise guy wants  
to fool me!

**axaawwii** Same as *axaa*; see  
*axaawuu*

**axaawuu** *tv* 1 (usu used of babies  
or domestic animals) fondle or  
stroke *amman ishii elmutti sa'a*  
*kana naa axaayi* Stroke the cow  
for me while I am milking her. 2  
clean, dry or wipe, usu by  
rubbing with the hands *fuula*  
*keerraa (kee arraa) inimmaan*  
*axaayadhu/ axaawwadhu* Wipe  
the tears off your face. 3. apply  
cream to one's face or body *fuula*  
*kee atuu hin axaayatin eessa*  
*deemta?* Where are you going  
before applying cream to your  
face? **axaa** *n* the act of applying  
cream to one's face or body;  
make-up *fuulli koo axaa bare* My  
face is used to make-up

**axanxarii** *n* dry twigs usu used as  
fire wood

**axaaxee** Same as *anxaxii*

**axaxee** Same as *qaxqaxxee*

**axee** Same as *axaarii*

**axeeraru** Same as *daguuguu*

**axiiluu** *iv* flee, run away from

sth/sb real fast, or turn tail *axiile*

*akka inni deeb'iu itti hime* He ran

fast and told him to return *sa'i*

*leenca argite axiilte* The cow saw a

lion and turned tail.

**axumaa** Same as *boojjitoo*

**axxaawuu** Same as *abshaalomuu*

**axxee** 1 Same as *axaarii* 2 dense  
forest

**axxiffachiisuu** See *axxiffachuu*

**axxiffachuu** *iv* sneeze *utaalloon*

*ishii qabuuf; kanaaf axxiffatti* She is

going to catch a cold, that is why

she is sneezing **axxiffachiisuu** *tv*

cause to sneeze *mimixi nama*

*axxiffachiisa* Chilli powder makes

people sneeze. **axxiffoo** *n* 1

sneeze *axxiffoon isaa fagootti*

*dhagayama* His sneezes can be

heard from a distance. 2 dive,

i.e., the act of going head first

into water or swimming under

water *axxiffoo dhaan ammaña*

*bishaan jala turuun siif gaarii miti*

Such a prolonged dive under

water is not good for you.

**axxiffoo** See *axxiffachuu*

**axxissoo** Same as *axxiffoo*; see

under *axxiffachuu*

**aya** 1 *n* (expression) ok 2. saline

soil; clay

**ayama** Same as *fedha*

**ayamuu** Same as *fedhuu*

**ayeetuu** *n* fresh milk, just drawn from the udder  
**ayibii** *n* cheese  
**ayii** *int* ah, oh, i.e., an expression of loss, regret, sorrow, etc. *ayii midhaan koo in/ni bade* Oh (what a tragedy) my crop has been ruined! *ayii maaliifan liqeesseef!* Ah, why did I lend it to him?  
**ayiiduu** Same as *tumuu* (2)  
**ayituu** Same as *ayeetuu*  
**ayyaamii** *n* 1 dignity, i.e., the quality that inspires respect *ayyaamii hin qabu* He has no dignity 2. flavor or strength, usu of food/drink *farsoon kun ayyaamii midhaanii hin qabu* This beer has no flavor of the ingredients that make good quality beer  
**ayyaana** See *ayyaaneffachuu*  
**ayyaan duraa** See *ayyaaneffachuu*  
**ayyaan guddaa** See *ayyaaneffachuu*  
**ayyaan laallattuu** See *ayyaaneffachuu*  
**ayyaana waggaa** See *ayyaaneffachuu*  
**ayyaaneffachuu** *iv* celebrate or observe a secular or a religious holiday *guyyaa diina biyya keenyaa moowannu ni ayyaneffanna* We will observe the day we defeat the enemies of our country. **ayyaana** *n* 1 deity or divinity believed to bring death, disease, happiness, etc. *ayyaana abbaa kootiitu na gargaara jedhee amana* He believes that his father's deity helps him. 2 holiday *bor ayyaana; hojiin hin jiru* Tomorrow is a holiday; there

is no work. **ayyaan duraa** *n* Saturday **ayyaan guddaa** *n* Sunday **ayyaan laallattuu** *adj, n* opportunist; time server  
**ayyaana waggaa** *n* annual holiday; holiday *bor ayyaana waggaati* Tomorrow is an annual holiday. **ayyaantuu** *n adj* lucky or fortunate *iji ayyaantuu dha* The eye is lucky (usu it escapes injury when there is an accident).

**ayyaantuu** See *ayyaaneffachuu*  
**ayyadaa** Same as *haadha ormaa* under *haadha*  
**ayyama** See *ayyamuu*  
**ayyamuu** *tv* allow; permit; give permission *asitti suuqii banuuf eenyutuu sii ayyame* Who gave you permission to open a shop here? **ayyama** *n* permit; permission  
**ayyee** (expression) ok  
**ayyeetuu** Same as *ayeetuu*  
**ayyoolee** Same as *aayyoo*

## b/B

**ba'aa** See *baachuu*  
**baabba'uu** *iv* be anxious or worry, usu about the safety, well-being, etc of sb/sth *garaan si hin/sin baabba'in an nagaa dhaa* I am fine; don't worry about me  
**baabbaa** *int* (expression usu used with babies or very young children) all gone or finished

**baabboo aloon** *n* a variety of large bird

**baabsii** See *baabsuu*

**baabsuu** *tv* back or side with in a fight or quarrel *ati eenyuuf baabsita?* Who do you side with?

**baabsii** *n* the act of siding with *ati baabsii eenyuuti* On whose side are you?

**baabura** *n* 1. train *baaburaan dhufan* They came by train. 2. mill *boqqolloo kana osoo baaburri daakee wayaa* It would be better to grind this corn/maize in a mill

**baaburbaallee** *n* airplane, (lit. train with wings)

**baabuu** (expression of endearment used with babies and small children) dear; honey *maal barbaadda baabuu koo?* What do you want, dear/honey?

**baacaa** See *baacuu*

**baaca'uu** Same as *gamnoomuu*

**baachisuu** See *baachuu*

**baachuu** *tv* bear or carry, i.e., support the weight of *mucaa guddaa dudda arratti baatti* She is carrying a big child on her back. **ba'aa** *n* cargo, freight, or load *ba'aan kun in/ni ulfaata* This load is heavy. **baachisuu** *tv* 1 cause/make sb/sth carry *qoraan na baachiftee gabaatti na ergite* She made me carry fire-wood and sent me to the market 2 help sb carry sb/sth *mee ba'aa kana na baachisi* Please help me up with this load, i.e., by helping me in lifting it up and putting it on my

back, head, shoulder **baattuu** *n* porter

**baachisuu** See *baachuu*

**baacoo**<sup>1</sup> Same as *gamnaummma*

**baacoo**<sup>2</sup> See *baacuu*<sup>2</sup>

**baacuu**<sup>1</sup> *iv* be arrogant or purse-proud *qaba jettee natti hin/him baacin* Don't be arrogant because of your wealth. **baacaa** *adj* 1 affluent, rich, or wealthy *abbaan ishii baacaa dha* Her father is wealthy. 2. arrogant, usu purse-arrogant *nama baacaa eenyutu jaal'ata* Who likes an arrogant person?

**baacuu**<sup>2</sup> *iv* crack a joke; joke; jest *waan inni baacuu natti fakkaate* I thought he was joking. **baacoo** *n* joke; jest; humor; see also *qoosuu* **baadhe** *adv* (applies to 1<sup>st</sup> person, sing) if not *yoona mana barnootaa dhaquu baadhe* *ababbaan na rukuta* If I don't go to school, Dad will hit me.

**baadhee** *n* 1 a cow that milks well, i.e., one that yields a lot of milk 2 a large gourd

**baadhu** *adv* (applies to 1<sup>st</sup> person, sing) if not *ani dhufuu baadhu iseen in/ni dhufi* If I don't come, she will come.

**baadiyyaa** *n* country-side or rural area

**baaduu** *n* skim milk/butter milk

**baafachuu** See *bawuu*

**baafsuu** Same as *baabsuu*

**baajii** *n* cattle without horns or with horns that curve downwards or sideways

**baakaa** *n* imperfectly baked bread

**baakkachuu** Same as *anqachuu*  
**baakkuu** *adj* of cow which does  
not milk well or which does not  
give milk at all *sa'attiin kun*  
*baakkuu dha* This cow does not  
milk well

**baakula** Same as *lugna*  
**baala** *n* 1 leaf *baala buqgee*  
pumpkin leaf 2 (fig) thin and  
light *naxalaa baala tokko uffata* He  
wears a very light toga/shawl  
**baala balleessaa ta'i** May you  
be thin and skinny; probably  
*balleessaa* leaf is thin

**baalaan koorii** Same as *ooluu*<sup>2</sup> (2)  
**baalabbaata** *n* feudal land lord,  
i.e., owner of acres and acres of  
land

**baalagaaraa** *n* opponent, usu at  
law court

**baalagee** See *baalagoomuu*

**baalagoomuu** *iv* be mannerless,  
rude, or uncivil *gurbaan kun*  
*baalagoomera* This boy has  
become mannerless **baalagee** *adj*  
mannerless, rude, or uncivil; see  
also *addaggee*

**baalansoofii** Same as *baalantaayii*

**baalantaayii** *n* a kind of tree, the  
leaf of which is used as sand  
paper; leaf of this tree

**baalchaa** *n* 1 alms; gift 2 the first  
piece/bundle of fire-wood  
collected and put in one spot so  
as to serve as a direction post to  
the subsequent bundles to be  
gathered *baalchaan koo asi ha*  
*taa'uu* Let my first bundle which  
is to serve as a direction post be  
here.

**baalchachuu** *iv* beg

**baalcita** *n* flint; absidian

**baaldii** *n* bucket; pail

**baalee** *n* authority

**baal'ee** Same as *baallee*<sup>1</sup>

**baalfata** *n* begging

**baalfuu** *tv* take sides with; take  
side with sb in an argument or  
quarrel *eenyuuf baalfita* With  
whom are you siding? See also  
*baabsuu*

**baal guda** *n* ostritch feather used  
as ornament

**baalla** Same as *aantii*

**baallaa** *adj, n* (usu of boughs of  
trees or wood) bifurcated,  
forked, or Y-shaped *muka baallaa*  
a bifurcated wood

**baallama** *n* appointment *bor*  
*baallaman qaba* I have an  
appointment tomorrow

**baallee**<sup>1</sup> *n* feather; wing **baallee**  
*ijaa* *n* eye lid/eyelash

**baallee**<sup>2</sup> 1 variety of worms usu  
found in livers 2 liver disease

**baallichoo** Same as *baallaa*

**baallii** Same as *baallee*<sup>1</sup>

**baalollee** Same as *baarillee*

**baal'oo** Same as *baallaa*

**baaltaa** See *baaltessuu*

**baaltakkee**<sup>1</sup> Same as *baaqqee*

**baaltakkee**<sup>2</sup> *adj, 1.* weak  
*baaltakkeen kun kana baachuu in/ni*  
*danda'aa?* Can this weak man  
carry this load? 2. vagabond;  
wanderer, see also *joortuu* under  
*jooruu*

**baaltaqa** Same as *beleshee*

**baaltessuu** *tv* circulate a  
damaging rumor about sb; back-



bite, vilify, slander, calumniate  
**baaltaa** *n* character  
 assassination; defamation  
*baaltaan fardaa fi garbuu walitti naqa* (saying) calumny sets a horse against its barley/fodder  
**baaltii** Same as *baaltaa* under *baaltessuu*  
**baambaa** Same as *leemman* (1)  
**baambulee** *n* bubo  
**baana** *n* a child whose father is not known; bastard  
**baandiraa** Same as *alaabaa*  
**baannansuu** See *baannanuu*  
**baannanuu** *iv* become startled and jump out of one's sleep  
*irribaa baannane* He became startled out of his sleep  
**baannansuu** *tv* cause to be startled  
**baanne** *adv* (applies to 1<sup>st</sup> person, pl) if not *yoo dhufuu baanne nama isinitti ergina* If we do not come ourselves, we will send someone; see also *dhabaanne* under *dhabaachuu*  
**baannu** *adv* (applies to 1<sup>st</sup> person, pl) if not *bor dhufuu baannu iftaan dhufna* If we can't come tomorrow, we will come the day after tomorrow; see also *dhabaannu* under *dhabaachuu*  
**baanqawuu** *iv* yell **baanqisuu** *tv* cause to yell  
**baanqisuu** See *baanqawuu*  
**baanuu** *iv* say; speak; utter  
*obboleessi kee kan baanu yoo dhugaa ta'ee ati har'a mana barnoota hin deemne. Dhugumaa?* According to what your brother says, you

didn't go to school today. Is it true?

**baaqelaa** Same as *baaqilaa*  
**baaqii** See *baagsuu*  
**baaqil** Same as *buqqee* (1)  
**baaqilaa** *n* broad bean; fava bean; horse bean; snap peas  
**baaqqee** *adj* 1 (of garment) one-ply as opposed to one which is doubled-over *kittaa baaqqee* a one-ply shirt 2 Same as *laccée* (1)  
**baaqqessuu** Same as *haphisuu*  
**baagsuu** *tv* construct walls, but be unable to put the roof on them  
**baaqii** *n* roofless waals of a would-be house  
**baaraguu** Same as *baannanuu*  
**baarii** *adj*, *n* 1. sea; ocean 2. abroad  
*baarii dhaa dhufe* He/It came from abroad. 3. patient; tolerant  
*garaan isaa baarii dha* He is patient. See also *galaana*  
**baarillee** *n* skin disease/infection, probably ringworm or serpigo  
**baarmeexaa** *n* hat, usu one with a crown and brim *baarmeexaa mataa irraa fudhatee uggumeef* He bared his head/He took off his hat and bowed to him.  
**baarmeexaa** Same as *baarmeexaa*  
**baaroo** *n* Same as *shunkurtaa*  
**baarradaa** *n* a small kettle  
**baarrakuu** *tv* kill or slaughter animals for food by cutting their throats *indaaqqoo naa baarrake* He slaughtered the chicken for me  
**baarraquu** *iv* go off, i.e., be fired or shot by accident *qawwee kootu baarraqee isa ajjeesse* My gun went off by accident and killed him.

**baarree** *n* large gourd; see also *baadhee* (2) and *ro'oo*  
**baarsaafii** *n* eucalyptus  
**baaruda** *n* bullets, explosives, or the shots only, i.e., excluding the cartridge

**baarullee** Same as *baarillee*  
**baarzaafii** Same as *baarsaafii*  
**baasa**<sup>1</sup> Same as *riqicha*  
**baasa**<sup>2</sup> *n* sth alien or strange to one's own culture *baasa lama jette kajeeltuun quuftee dhuufte* "Two strange things" said a freeloader: one, be able to be satiated (which is unusual because a *kajeeltu* is not usu given enough food) and two, to fart (a very shameful thing to do, usu in public) see also *baatuu baasuu*

**baasaa** See *bawuu*

**baasee** *n* (vulgar) Same as *qunxurroo*

**baashirii** *n* large spear traditionally used usu for hunting buffaloes or elephants

**baasiftuu** *n* lifeguard, usu a man who saves a person from drowning

**baasuu** See *bawuu*

**baataa**<sup>1</sup> *n* a person through whom the *ayyaana* manifests "itself"; a carrier of the *ayyaana*, so to speak; see also *gindoo* (2)

**baataa**<sup>2</sup> *n* table, i.e., the furniture

**baatalee** *adj* (usu of male humans without family or friends) lonely *namichi kun baatalee dha; firas maatis hin qabu* This man is lonely; he has no friends and family.

**baatan** *adv* (used with 3<sup>rd</sup> person, pl) if not *yoo dafanii dhufuu baatan maal goonu?* If they don't come soon, what shall we do? See also *dhabaatan* under *dhabaachuu*

**baatanu** *adv* (used with 3<sup>rd</sup> person, pl/hon) if not *jarri dhufuu baatanu an dhufuu?* If they don't come, shall I come? See also *dhabaatanu* under *dhabaachuu*

**baate** *adv* (used with 3<sup>rd</sup> person, masc, sing) if not *yoo inni nyaachuu baate an nyaadhuu?* If he does not want to eat it, shall I eat it? See also *dhabaate* under *dhabaachuu*

**baate-galtee** *adj* of a wife who leaves her husband frequently and comes back to him

**baatii** Same as *ji'a*

**baatrii** *n* flash light, i.e., small, portable electric torch

**baatte** *adv* (used with 2<sup>nd</sup> person, sing or 3<sup>rd</sup> person, fem, sing) not *yoo at/iseen gaa'ila intala kootii dhufuu baatte hedduun mufadha* If you/she don't/doesn't show up for my daughter's wedding, I will be offended very much. See also *dhabaatte* under *dhabaachuu*

**baattu** *adv* (used with 2<sup>nd</sup> person, sing or 3<sup>rd</sup> person, fem, sing) if not *hojjachuu baattu hin nyaattu* If you don't/she doesn't work, you/she won't eat. See also *dhabaattu* under *dhabaachuu*

**baattuu** See *baachuu*

**baatuu** *adv* (used with 3<sup>rd</sup> person, masc, sing) not *inni dhaquu baatu an nan dhaqa* If he doesn't

go, I will (go). See also *dhabaatuu* under *dhabaachuu*

**baatuu baasuu** *tv* do sth which is alien to one's culture *waan kanaan dura aadaa koo keessa hin jirre ani baatuu hin baasu* I am not going to do sth which is alien to my culture. See also *baasa*<sup>2</sup>

**baawoo** *n* a farm that is full of weeds

**baaxii** *n* roof; ceiling (neologism) maximum; upper limit *ka'umsaa fi baaxii* minimum and maximum

**baaxiyyaa** Same as *ducee*

**baay'achuu** *iv* 1 be too many/much *buna kanatti soogiddatu baay'ate* There is too much salt in this coffee. *ijoolleetu itti baay'ate* He has too many children 2 be many/much; multiply *sa'i koo naa baay'ataniiru* My cattle have multiplied

**baay'ee** *adj, adv* 1 abundant; a great deal; a lot (of); many; much; plentiful *ijoollee baay'ee qabu* They have many children. *soogidda baay'ee narraa (na arraa) bitte* She bought a great deal of salt from me; see also *hedduu* 2 very; quite; seriously *baay'ee na dhukkuba* I'm seriously ill. *baay'e naate* She was/You were very/quite scared. N.B. "baay'ee" follows nouns (*nama baay'ee* people many), but it precedes adjectives and verbs (*baay'ee dheeraa* very tall; *baay'ee dhuga* he drinks very/too much) **baay'ina** *n* numbers, i.e., numerical superiority *baay'inaan nu moowan*

They defeated us by numbers, i.e., by sheer force of numbers.

**baay'isuu** *tv* 1 cause to be much, many, or plenty *baay'isee naa kenne* He gave me plenty enough. 2 cause to be too much *buna kanatti soogidda baay'ifte/baay'iste* You put too much salt in this coffee. *Taa'anii haasa'uu baay'isu* They sit and talk too much. *Dhugaatii baay'is(f)ti* She drinks too much *ba'aa natti baay'ise* He made my load too much. *buna kootti aannan hin/him baay'isin* Don't put too much milk in my coffee.

**baay'ee** See *baay'achuu*

**baay'ina** See *baay'achuu*

**baay'isuu** See *baay'achuu*

**baballii** *n* pliable sticks used as beams in hut walls, probably cattail or elephant grass of the genus *Typha elephantine*

**babangaluu** Same as *baqaqsuu* under *baqaquu*

**babarii** Same as *caqee* and *cakii*

**babattee** *n* clevis-like, flat wooden boards that support the handle of a plow and plow share

**babbaqaa** See *babbaquu*

**babbaquu** *tv* thin out, i.e. by plowing (with oxen) a field of corn/maize/sorghum crop when the plant is about a meter high **babbaqaa** *n* thinning out by tilling a field of sorghum/ corn crop when the crop is about a meter high *baqqolloon babbaqaa gayeera* It is time for tilling or

thinning out (with a yoke of oxen) the corn crop.

**bacancaruu** *iv* talk nonsense

**bacaqgee** *adj* muddy

**bacaqgeessuu** *tv* cause to be muddy

**bacaqsuu** *tv* 1 make gravy/stew too fatty 2 crush sth by stepping on it

**bacarraquu** *iv* be very rich

**baccee** Same as *dhoqgee*

**bacceessuu** Same as *dhoqgeessuu*

**bacharuu** *iv* toddle

**bachoo** Same as *bassoo*

**badaa**<sup>1</sup> *n* hot ash *dinnicha badaa keesstatti bilcheessuun in/ni danda'ma* It is possible to cook potatoes in hot ashes.

**badaa**<sup>2</sup> *adj* many; much; multitude *nama badaa waamne/afeerre* We invited many people. *bishaan badaa manaa hin qabu* I do not have much water in the house.

**badaa**<sup>3</sup> *adj* (used of persons) bad; evil; wicked *namichi kun badaa dhaa osoo mana koo dhufuu dhiisee wayya* This man is wicked; I wish he stopped coming to my house. *badi namicha badaa nana* Get lost, you wicked man.

**badaasaa** Same as *hurufa*

**badadamuu** *iv* 1 be concerned about; worry *armee koo an fayyaa dhaa tasa hin/him badadamin* My dear mother, I am fine; don't be concerned or worry about me. 2 be loved and looked after; be taken care of

**badadduu** See *badaduu*

**badaduu** *iv* 1. be extremely poor *badee badadee* He became very poor. 2. want sth very much *bishaaniif badaddi* She wants water; see also *fedhuu badadduu* *adj* impecunious; indigent; pauper; poor *badadduu kana arraa humaa hin argattuu* You won't get anything from this poor person.

**badalaa** See *baddaluu*

**badallaa** Same as *boqqolloo*

**baddaa** *n* upland; highland *gammoojjii jiraachuu manna baddaa jiraachuu wayya* Better to live on highland than to live in a lowland. **baddaa bawuu** *tv* (fig) rise or go up, usu prices *gatiin soogiddaa baddaa bayeera* Prices of salt have gone up. **baddoolee** *n* highland

**baddadaree** *n* an area or a region between highland and lowland **baddaluu** *tv* wrong sb *haadha manaa isaa baay'ee baddale* He wronged his wife a lot. **badalaa** *n* injustice

**baddana** Same as *gubbana*

**baddanaa** Same as *baddannoo*

**baddannoo** *n* a kind of tree

**baddeessaa** a tree with edible, plum-like fruit or its fruit; *syzygium guineense*

**baddiiqaa** Same as *biddiiqa*; see *biddiiquu*

**baddiiquu** Same as *biddiiquu*

**baddoolee** See *baddaa*

**badduu** See *badu*

**badduu baasuu** *tv* complete or finish *hojii isa jalqabde badduu baafu/baastu malee hin taphattu*

You won't play unless you complete the work you have begun to do.

**badhaadhaa** See *badhaadhuu*

**badhaadhuu** *iv* become affluent; opulent; rich; well-to-do; well-off *badhaadhaniiru* They have become rich. **badhaadhaa** *adj* (of male) rich or wealthy *ati hin/him beektu ta'a malee inni nama badhaadhaa dha* You may not know it, but his a wealthy man. **badhaafamuu** *tv* (passive) be awarded *eega moowanii booddee waan baay'ee badhaafaman* After winning, they were awarded many things. **badhaasuu** *tv* 1. make/cause sb to be rich *buna abbaa kootiitu na baadhaase* My father's coffee plantation made me rich. **badhaatuu** *adj, n* a rich woman

**badhaafamuu** See *badhaadhuu*

**badhaasuu** See *badhaadhuu*

**badhaatuu** See *badhaadhuu*

**badhaduu** Same as *dhama'uu*

**badhee** *n* farmland, usu further away from home; see also *maasii* under *maasa'uu*

**badheessa** Same as *arfaasaa*

**badii** *n* name of a clan *ani badii dhaa badi* As a member of the *badii* clan, I say to you, ant, "Get lost." (hocuspocus used to scare away ants)

**baduu** *iv* 1. disappear or vanish *dhirsi isee eega badee tureera* It has been a long time since her husband disappeared. 2. be damaged, destroyed, or ruined

*barana midhaan koo na duraa bade* This year my crop has been ruined. **badduu** *n* useless; worthless; good for nothing *badduun nama balleessiti* A useless person is sometimes capable of ruining others

**baes** *adj* (used of animals) immunized

**bafii** Same as *tiffee*

**baga** *adv, int* 1 expression of approval of an action or behavior *baga nyaate* It is good/I am glad that he ate it. 2. so what! Speaker A: *situ hate* Speaker B: *baga!* Yes, I stole it, so what! 3.

congratulations! *baga gammadde*

Congratulations on your (appointment, happiness, success, etc) *baga ofkolte!* (usu said to a woman after safe delivery) Congratulations! 4.

Congratulations! (said to a person who brings the bad news that sb had been killed by lightning) Speaker A: *obblessa keetti bakakkaatu beeke* (Lightning killed your brother. Speaker B: *baga* Good. It's God's will, and who am I to oppose God?

**bagaa** Same as *maariyyee*

**bagajjaa** *adj* 1 (of foot) crooked *miilla bagajjaa* 2 of a person with crooked feet/legs; a bow-legged man

**bagajjaa** Same as *bagajjaa*

**baggee** *n* climbing plant or vine with tough thorns

**bagudaa** *adj, n* 1 hyena 2 a person who eats too much; greedy

**baha** *n* 1 east *bahaa fi lixattis ha dhalatanu, kaabaa fi kibbattis ha dhalatanu, oromoonni hundinu ilmaanuma oromooti* Whether born in the east, west, north, or south all Oromos are the sons and daughters of Oromo. 2 a kind of tree that has sweet smell

**bajigaa** *adj* (of male) dignified, graceful, or proud (in a good sense) *ilma bajigaa tokko qaba* He has a dignified son. **bajigee** *adj* (of female) dignified, graceful, or proud woman

**bajigee** See *bajigaa*

**bajjaa** *n* 1. a skin disease, probably albino 2. gonorrhea; see also *dhukkuba dhiiraa*

**bajjeessuu** *tv* abandon and cause farmland to be covered with grass **bajjii** *n* virgin land **bajjii baasuu** *tv* plow virgin land for the first time; break fresh, new virgin land

**bajoojaa** See *bajoojuu*

**bajoojuu** *iv* eat avidly *sangaan brinxiitti bajooje* The ox ate the dregs voraciously. **bajoojaa** *adj* avaricious; avid; rapacious; voracious *sangaa bajoojaa* a voracious ox *nama bajoojaa* an avid person

**bakabbakuu** Same as *falaxuu* (1,2)

**bakaja** Same as *bagaajaa* and *booseettii*

**bakakkaa** *n* 1 lightning; thunder *bakakkaatu itti beeke/dheekkame* He was struck by lightning. See also *beekuu* 2 heavy or torrential rain; thunder storm *eda bakaddaa buuse*

There was thunderstorm last night.

**bakaksuu** *iv* amaze; surprise *dubbiin isaa na bakaksite* What he said amazed me.

**bakara** Same as *baashirii*

**bakfachuu** *iv* control one's emotion, empire, etc. *aarii dhiisii bakafadhu* Stop being angry; control your temper.

**bakka** *adv* 1. where; place *bakka kam deeme?* Where did he go? *bakka kana (bakkana) taa'i* Sit here. *bakka sana hin taa'in* Don't sit there. *bakka koo* my place *bakka kanatti awwaalame* He was buried here, at this place. 2. in lieu of, in place of or instead of *bakka sangaa kootii dhaltii koo fudhu* Take my cow instead of my ox.

**bakkaafachuu** *iv* walk incorrectly with the legs extended sidewise; walk like a penguin or a toddler *dhullaan itti baanaan bakkaafata* He is walking like a penguin because of the boil (on his groin).

**bakkaafuu** Same as *bakkaafachuu*

**bakkajjaa** Same as *kabeelaa*

**bakkalcha** *n* 1 morning star 2

Same as *jaarsa* (1) under *jaarsomuu*

**bakkana** *adv* here *bakkana hin jiru* It's not here.

**bakkaniisa** Same as *makkanniisa*

**bakkee** *n* 1 field; meadow; pasture, usu where domestic animals graze and where children play 2 privy or stool, usu a field for emptying of the bowels *bakkee baye* He went to

stool. See also *ala bawuu* (2) and *boolii bawuu*

**bakkisuu** *iv* blow on *abiddatti qoraan kaayi bakkisi* Add the firewood to the fire and then blow on it (so as to make the fire burn and glow)

**baktii** *adj, n* rotten meat; carrion

**bakula** Same as *lugna*; see under *lugnoomu*

**bakulee** *n* a kind of sweet potato

**balaa** *adj, n* 1 devil or wicked spirit *balaa si ha dhawu* May the devil strike you. 2 (of persons/animals) tough or unruly, i.e., not easily controlled or defeated *namicha balaa kanaan hin lola* Don't fight with this tough guy. 3 destruction/accident *balaa konkolaataatiin du'e* He died of a car accident. *bokkaan eda balaa buuse* Last night's rain brought about destruction.

**balaalaa** *n* beard of an adolescent, the one that appears on the upper lip for the first time *Ilmi koo balaalaa baaseera* My son has grown a beard.

**balaaleffachuu** *tv* 1 hate *maaliif akkana isa balaaleffatti?* Why does she hate him so much? See also *jibbuu* 2 Same as *qunqunffachuu*

**balaaloo** Same as *jibbaa* under *jibbuu*

**balaccuu** *adj, n* a small, white patch on the forehead of animals; an animal with such mark *sangaa balaccuu* an ox with a small, white patch on its head

**bal'achuu** *iv* 1 be/become broad or wide *manni inni kun baay'ee bal'ate* This house is very/too wide 2 (said of clothes) be baggy/wide *kofoon koo natti bal'ate* my trousers are too baggy for me. **bal'aa** *adj* baggy; broad; wide *karaa bal'aa* wide road **bal'ifachuu** *tv* widen for self **bal'ina** *n* breadth/width *ojjaa malee bal'ina hin qabu* It is of great height, but it is not of much width/breadth. **bal'isuu** *tv* widen *karaa isa kana bal'isaniiru* They have widened this road. **garaa bal'ifachuu** *iv* show forbearance, patience, or self-control; tolerate *garaa bal'ifattee wajjin jiraatti malee abbaan manaa ishee nama gaarii miti* Although her husband is not a good man, she shows forbearance towards him and lives with him. See also *gara*<sup>1</sup>

**balala** *n* a member of a small farmers' association who disappears during work hours and shows up at the end of the day when a meal is served

**balalaa** *n* dry, usu eucalyptus leaves used as firewood **balalchuu** *iv* (used of flame) burn brightly and noisily *abiddi yoo qoraan gogaa argate ni balalcha* When fire gets dry firewood, it burns brightly and noisily **balalaa abiddaa** *n* bright flame **bal gochuu** *tv* 1 cause or make fire to blaze up; make it burst into bright flame, or make it

flare up *abidda bal goote* She made the fire burst into bright flame, i.e., by blowing on it. 2 remove or throw off suddenly, i.e., usu one's blanket when waking up from sleep *bullukkoo bal of arraa (ofirraa) godhee ka'e* He threw off his blanket and got up **bal jechuu** *iv* burst into bright flame

**bal'alaawuu** Same as *beela'uu*  
**balali'uu** *iv* 1 fly *rophilaaniin waaqa arra balal'ia* Airplanes fly in the sky 2 Same as *balalchuu*

**balag jechuu** *iv* (used of the sun) begin to shine or give out light suddenly *aduun balaq jetteetti* The sun has shone suddenly ( for example after rain)

**balaqqamsiisuu** See *balaqqamuu*

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**balaqqamuu** *iv* be sick; bring up; retch; throw up; vomit *dhiiga balaqame du'e* He vomited blood and died. **balaqqamsiisuu** *tv* cause or make vomit *nyaati edaa na balaqqamsiise* Last night's dinner made me throw up

**ballaqqamsuu** *n* vomit, i.e., matter ejected from the stomach

**balaqqee**<sup>1</sup> Same as *balaqqamsuu*; *diddiga* under *balaqqamuu* and *diddiguu*

**balaqqee**<sup>2</sup> Same as *calaqqee* under *calaqqisuu*

**balaqqisuu**<sup>1</sup> Same as *calaqqisuu*

**balaqqisuu**<sup>2</sup> Same *balaqqamuu*

**balasee** Same as *kutaa* (1) under *kutuu*

**balashee** Same as *balasee*

**balasii** *n* god of hunters

**balbala** *n* 1. door *balbala bani/cufi* Open/Close the door. 2. line of descent through tribe; lineage; a set of nine generations 3. grade/class *balbala saddeet fixxeetti* She has completed grade eight.

**balbala dhowwachuu** *tv* (pretence, i.e., a false appearance intended as a game) traditionally, girls, i.e. relatives or friends of a bridegroom stand on the entrance of his house and try to prevent the bride from entering **balbal dhowwii** *n* an attempt to prevent a bride from entering her new home

**balbaleessa**<sup>1</sup> *n* kind of tree

**balbaleessa**<sup>2</sup> *n* vine-like, tough grass the stem of which grows along the ground

**balballaa** Same as *bararii*

**baldeessuu** *tv* make land under cultivation "bald" by forgetting to sow seeds on it

**balela** See *baleluu*

**baleluu** *iv* be proud *imbalele* He is proud **balela** *adj* proud *balela namaa* a proud man

**balfachuu** Same as *bakfachuu*

**balfuu**<sup>1</sup> *tv* take sides with; take side with sb in an argument/quarrel *eenyuuf balfita?* With whom are you siding?

**balfuu**<sup>2</sup> *tv* 1 reject *sa'i bishaan*

*balfite* The cattle rejected water 2 despise *na balfi* He despised me

**bal gochuu** See *balalchuu*



**bal'ifachuu** See *bal'achuu*  
**baliillaa** *n* a small car  
**bal'ina** See *bal'achuu*  
**bal'isuu** See *bal'achuu*  
**bal jechuu** See *balalchuu*  
**ballaa** *adj* 1. a one-eyed person 2. a cross-eyed paraon 3. blind  
*sangaa ballaa natti gurgure* He sold me a blind ox. See also *jaamaa* under *jaamuu*  
**ballaansiyyee** Same as *simbira alkanii*  
**ballama** Same as *baallama*  
**ballayamuu** *iv* be useless; be spoiled; rote; expire  
**balleessa** a kind of plant *baala balleessaa ta'i* May you be balleessa leaf, apparently balleessa plant harms people in some way, not clear to the writer  
**balleensa** Same as *abaxallaa*  
**balleessaa** See *balleessuu*  
**balleessuu** *iv, tv* 1 destroy; lay waste, ravage, or ruin *daljeessi midhaan koo balleesse* The baboons ruined my crop. 2 botch sth up or spoil *hodhaa kittaa kootii na dura balleesse* He botched up the tailoring of my shirt.  
**balloo** *adj* 1. happy 2. Same as *bal'aa* under *bal'achuu* 3 Same as *maaloo*  
**baloo** *adj* (of a woman) difficult  
**bal'oo** *n* 1 Same as *bal'aa* 2 Tuesday 3 god of Tuesday  
**baluuluu** *iv* be absorbed, carried away, or be engrossed in thought *yaadaan baluulan* They are absorbed in thought.

**bam** an expression used (just for fun) to frighten or surprise sb unawares  
**banaa** See *banuu*  
**baaachuu** Same as *dhaadachuu* (2)  
**baaajaa** *adj* (of male humans) attractive, charming, or cute  
*baaajaan kun eessaa dhufe?* From where did this charming man come?  
**baaata** Same as *dhaadannaa* under *dhaadachuu*  
**banachuu** See *banuu*  
**banadir** *n* typical dress usu worn by a Boorana girl/woman  
**bandalaasa** Same as *bal'aa* under *bal'achuu*  
**banjaa**<sup>1</sup> an expression hockey players use to alert an off-side opponent to keep to his side  
**banjaa**<sup>2</sup> Same as *bullokkoo*  
**banjii** *n* a variety of plant the fruit of which makes those who smoke it or eat it "high", probably hashish (hasheesh)  
**bankaruu** *tv* 1 dig hole in the ground for seeds, young plants grown in a nursery for transplanting, etc. *boqqolloo dhaaf lafa bankare* He dabbled the soil for corn seeds. 2 (fig) break or split sth with ax, club, etc. *dullaa dhaan mataa isaa bankarte* She broke his skull with a club.  
**banqaaquu** *iv* become rich, affluent, or wealthy; make money *banqaaqee, itti tolee jiraata* He has become not only rich, but he lives comfortably.

**banqoo** *adj* (of persons) wicked and talkative

**bansiisuu** See *banuu*

**bantaa** *adj* (of mushroom) large

**bantii** *adj, n* crown/top of the head *dhagaa dhaanin bantii isaa dhoose* I broke the crown of his head with a stone.

**banuu** *tv* 1 open, i.e., remove cover, lid, wrapping, etc. from *eenyutu saandugii kana bane?* Who opened this box? 2 open, i.e., indicates that sth may now start or is introduced *suuqii asitti bananiiru* They have opened a shop here. **banaa** *adj* open *balbala banaatti dhiise* He left the door open. **banachuu** *tv* open by/for self *balbala banatee ol seene* He opened the door himself and entered. **bansiisuu** *tv* cause to open *saandugii na bansiisanii waan keessa jiru hunda fudhatan* They made me open the box (safe) and took away everything in it.

**baqa** See *baqachuu*

**baqaaloo** Same as *jaanoo*

**baqaanuu** Same as *toluu* (1)

**baqachiisuu** See *baqachuu*

**baqachuu** *iv* flee; run away from danger *saree baqate* He ran away from a dog. *ijaajjii loli; hin/him baqatin* Stand and fight; don't run away. **baqa** *n* fleeing or running away from danger *baqa jalqabaniiru* They have started running away. **baqachiisuu** *tv* put to flight *diina koon baqachiise* I put my enemy to flight. **baqataa**

*n* (of male) refugee **baqattuu** (usu of female) refugee

**baqaqaa** See *baqaquu*

**baqaqsaa** See *baqaquu*

**baqaqsuu** See *baqaquu*

**baqaquu** *iv* 1. tear *kittaan tokko tokko dafee baqaqa* Some shirts tear quickly. 2. crack or split *lafi gogee baqaqe* The ground became dry and cracked. **baqaqaa** *adj* 1 cracked; split; torn *kittaa baqaqaa uffata* He wears a torn shirt *lafa baqaqaa* cracked ground 2 cultivated, plowed and left to lie fallow *lafa baqaqaa* plowed ground left fallow for next sowing season **baqaqsaa** *n* 1 (of land) cultivating and plowing *lafa baqaqsaa deeme* He went to cultivate/plow land (for the next sowing season). 2 (large tuber crops or pumpkin only) slice *buqqee baqaqsaa baay'ee affeelte* She boiled many slices of pumpkin. **baqaqsuu** *tv* 1 tear *kittaa koo na duraa baqaqsite* She/You tore my shirt 2 cultivate or plow land with oxen and let it lie fallow (usu until the next sowing season) *lafa kana si'a sadii baqaqse* He plowed this piece of land three times.

**baqarii** *n* 1. sweet smelling herb put in yogurt or used for sweetening milk utensils 2. Same as *buqurii*

**baqfachuu** See *baquu*

**baqfamuu** See *baquu*

**baqqaanee** *n* firefly

**baqqana** *n* piece or slice of boiled pumpkin *buqqee baqqana tokko nyaate* He ate a slice of pumpkin

**baqqoo** *n* hot, lowland region usu where the larger animals (big game) are hunted by men who wish to prove their masculinity or virility

**baqsaa** See *baquu*

**baqsuu** See *baquu*

**baquu** *iv* 1 melt *dhadhaan yoo abidda arra kaayan tokkichaan baqa* When put on fire, butter melts at once. *soogiddis in/im/ni baqa* Salt also melts 2 (said of cotton bud) open *jirbiin baqeera* The cotton buds have opened (so they are ready for picking). **baqfachuu** *tv* melt or process butter or wax for self *dhadhaa baqfachuttan jira* I'm processing butter for self

**baqfamuu** *tv* be melted or processed *dhadhaan baqfameeraa?* Has the butter been processed?

**baqsaa** *adj, n* 1 (of butter only) melted or processed *dhadhaa baqsaa manaa hin qabu* I don't have processed butter in the house. 2 any cooking oil, usu butter **baqsuu** *tv* (said of butter or wax) melt or process usu by heating *dhadhaa/gagaa baqsitee?* Have you/Has she processed the butter/the wax?

**bar**<sup>1</sup> (an expression used parenthetically) you see *an isa hin jibbineem bar* You see, I didn't hate him.

**bar**<sup>2</sup> (short form for *bara*, in combination with another word

it has the meaning indicated) **bar dheengaddaa** *adv* the year before last *bar dheengaddaa dhalatte* She was born the year before last *bar lama, bar sadii ...* *adv* two years, three years, etc. *bar lama nu bira taa'e* He lived with us for two years **bar tokko** *adv* some day *bar tokko nuyis rophilaanii ni/in hojjanna* Some day, we, too, would manufacture airplanes

**bara** *adv* during; in the time(s) of; period of time or year *bara beelaa* the year of famine *bara golfaa* the year of typhus *bara hoongee* the year of drought *bara quufaa* the year of plenty or economic boom *bara Yooditii* the time(s) of Yoodit, i.e., when Queen Yooditi ruled/reigned **bara achi aanu** *adv* year after next *bar achi aanu dhufiti* She will come the year after next. **bara bara** *adv* once in a while *bara bara roobni baay'atee midhaan ballessa* Once in a while too much rain comes and destroys crops. **bara baraan** *adv* all the year round; year after year; year in year out *bara baraan gargaarsa alaa dhufuu eeguu manna of danda'anii jiraachuu wayya* Instead of waiting for external assistance year after year, it is better to be self-reliant. **bara baasuu** *tv* cause to come through a year **bara bawuu** *iv* come through the year; survive, say, one winter when food is usu scarce *akkuma taane taanee bara*

*baaneerra* We have somehow managed to come through this year. **bara darbe** *adv* last year *bara darbe fuudhe* He married last year. **bara dhufu** *adv* next year; the coming year *bara dhufu eerumti* She will get married next year. **bara eger** *adv* Same as *bara dhufu* above **bara egeree** Same as *bara eger* above **bara egger** Same as *bara eger* above **bara kaan** *adv* year before last *akkoon koo bara kaan duute* My grand-mother died the year before last. **barana** *adv* this year *barana jirbii qonna* We will grow cotton this year. **baranee** *adj* 1 (usu of grain) of this year as opposed to [*dilbii*] *boqqolloo baranee* corn of this year, i.e., [not left over from previous year(s)] 2. newly wed couple (of this year) **baras** *adv* at that time; then *baras dhalateeraa?* Was he born then? **bara sana** Same as *baras* above **barii bar** *adv* occasionally, periodically, or sporadically *dhukkubi isaa barii bar itti ka'a* His disease recurs sporadically, i.e., it recurs after disappearing for a year or so. **barri** *n* times/year, i.e., period characterized by certain qualities (good or bad) *barri nuu toleera* The times are good for us. *barri nuuf hin taane* The times are not in our favor. **barri namaa** **darbuu** *iv* have a day, i.e., a period of prosperity *hundumaafuu barri hin darba* Bad times are not permanent; every

person will have his period of success.

**baraa** Same as *barataa* under *baru*

**baraafachuu** See *baraasuu*

**baraambarroo** *n* a kind of climbing plant

**baraaruguu** Same as *wareeruu*

**baraaruu** *tv* have mercy/pity;

save, or preserve *lubbuu koo naa*

*baraari* Have mercy on my soul!

**baraasa** See *baraasuu*

**baraasaa** See *baraasuu*

**baraashaa** Same as *baraasaa*; see *baraasuu*

**baraasisuu** See *baraasuu*

**baraasuu** *tv* paint walls with

quicklime after mixing it with

water **baraasa** *n* red and white

lime or quicklime usu used for

painting/white washing walls

**baraafachuu** *tv* paint/white

wash a wall for self **baraasaa** *n*

white or ash-like soil **baraasisuu**

*tv* cause to white wash/paint a wall

**bara eger** See *bara*

**bara egeree** See *bara*

**bara egger** See *bara*

**barahaa** *n* hot region, usu a characteristic of a lowland, i.e., low in relation to the surrounding country

**barakaa** See *barakachuu*

**barakachuu**<sup>1</sup> *iv* endure/last, i.e.,

remain in good condition or

adequate supply *burcuqqoo arra*

*waancaatu barakata* Horn cups

last longer than drinking glasses

*ashaboon an kaleessa bite hin/him*

*barakanne* The salt I bought

yesterday did not last. **barakaa** *n*  
**1** durability *caammaan akkanaa*  
*barakaa hin qabu* This kind of  
 shoe is not durable. **2** possessing  
 quality that makes last *nyaati*  
*tokko tokko barakaa hin qabu* Some  
 food items lack the quality that  
 makes them last.

**barakachuu**<sup>2</sup> *iv* (usu used of  
 coffee in a coffee pot) be  
 finished; run out *bunni*  
*barakateera* The coffee is finished,  
 i.e., there is nothing left to be  
 poured out **barakaa** *n* "second  
 rate" coffee obtained after  
 boiling the coffee grounds for  
 the second time; weak coffee  
*barakaa dhugii deemi* Drink weak  
 coffee and go.

**barakatoo** Same as *barakaa* under  
*barakachuu*<sup>1</sup>

**baramuu** See *baruu*

**barana** See *bara*

**baranee** See *bara*

**baranoo** Same as *baranee* under  
*bara*

**barannoo** See *baruu*

**baraqraaqqee** *n* poor quality  
 liquor; weak liquor

**barara** Same as *oolaa*

**bararii** *n* cockroach

**baras** See *bara*

**barataa** See *baruu*

**barattoota** See *baruu*

**barattuu** See *baruu*

**barbaacha** See *barbaachuu*

**barbaacisaa** See *barbaachuu*

**barbaachuu** *tv* **1** look for or search

**barbaacha** *n* search *si barbaacha*  
*dhufne* We came in search of you.

**barbaachisaa** *n* necessary;  
 necessity; requisite *nyaatinii fi*  
*dhugaatiin jireenyaaf barbaachisaa*  
*dha* Food and water are  
 necessities of life. **barbaachisuu**  
*tv* (use negative and infinitive  
 form) be necessary *soba in/im*  
*barbaachisu* Lying is not  
 necessary / To lie is not  
 necessary. See also *barbaaduu*

**barbaachisaa** See *barbaachuu*

**barbaachisuu** See *barbaachuu*

**barbaada** Same as *barbaacha* under  
*barbaachuu*

**barbaaddachuu** See *barbaaduu*

**barbaaduu** *tv* look for; search  
*sangaa barbaada* He is looking for  
 an ox, i.e., to buy one or to look  
 for a lost one **barbaadamuu** *tv* **1**  
 be searched; be sought *achis*  
*barbaadame dhabame* It was  
 searched there, too, but it wasn't  
 found. **2** be needed / required  
*yoona hin barbaadamne deemuu?*  
 Shall I leave if I am not needed?

**barbaaddachuu** *tv* look / search  
 for self *sangaa kee barbaaddadhu*

Look for your ox (for yourself)

**dubbii barbaaduu** *tv* ask for /

look for trouble *namichi kun*

*dubbii barbaada* This man is

looking for trouble. **lola**

**barbaaduu** *iv* be bellicose or  
 tending to be quarrelsome *gaaf*  
*hundumaa lola barbaada* He  
 always wants to fight.

**barbaadamuu** See *barbaachuu*

**barbad** Same as *barbadaa* under  
*barbadeessuu*

**barbadaa** See *barbadeessuu*

**barbadeessuu** *tv* annihilate; crush; defeat completely; destroy *diina keenya in/ni barbadeessina* We shall annihilate our enemies.

**barabadaa** *n* 1 ruin, i.e., sth which has been burnt to ashes or destroyed completely *manni koo barbadaa ta'e* My house was burnt into ashes. 2 hot ashes

**barbaree** *n* hot pepper, i.e., berry, powder, or plant

**barbaxamuu** *iv* be too fat  
**barbaxxee** *adj* (of females) extremely fat

**barcee** *adj* 1. gourd or pumpkin with flat bottom 2 (usu of head or face) flat *adda barcee* flat forehead

**barcuma** *n* chair; seat; stool

**bareechuu** See *bareeduu*

**bareedaa** See *bareeduu*

**bareedduu** See *bareeduu*

**bareedina** See *bareeduu*

**bareeduu** *iv* be beautiful; good-looking, lovely, or pretty *intalli isaa hedduu bareeddi* His daughter is very beautiful. **bareechuu** *tv* beautify; primp/prink oneself up; spruce sb/oneself (up) *ofi/if bareechitee sirba dhufte* She spruced herself up and came to the dance. **bareedaa** *adj* (usu of males) handsome; good-looking *iseen fokkiftuu dha, ha ta'u malee dhirsii isee bareedaa dha* She is ugly, but her husband is handsome. **bareedduu** *adj* (usu of females) beautiful; good-looking; lovely; pretty *intala bareedduu lama qaba* He has two

beautiful daughters. **bareedina** *n* beauty *bareedina isee duuwwaa ilaale isee fuudhe* He married her only for her beauty.

**bareeffachuu** *tv* make beautiful for oneself *mana isee bareeffatteetti* She has made her house beautiful (for self) **baroo** *adj* good; magnificent; superb; wonderful Speaker A: *kittaa kana meeqaan bitte?* How much did you pay for this shirt? Speaker B: *qarshii torbaanin bite* I bought it for seven dollars Speaker A: *baroo dha* Superb.

**bareeffachuu** See *bareeduu*

**bareenya** Same as *bareedina* under *bareeduu*

**bargaanfachuu** *iv* straddle, i.e., stand or sit with the legs wide apart *bargaanfatee taa'e* He sat with the legs widely separated.

**bargoo** *adj* (usu of boiled grains, pumpkin, tuber, etc.) half-boiled; not cooked through; underdone *dinnichi kun bargoo dhaa bilcheessi* This potato is not cooked through; boil it until it is well done.

**barii** See *bari'uu*

**bariifachuu** Same as *bariisifachuu* under *bari'uu*

**bariisa** See *bari'uu*

**bariisaa** See *bari'uu*

**bariisifachuu** See *bari'uu*

**barillee** *n* wolf-like, multi-colored wild animal

**bari'uu** *iv* dawn, i.e., become daybreak, as it were *rafi hin/him bariinee* Sleep, the first morning

light has not appeared yet. **barii** *n* daybreak; dawn *ganama barii dhaan manaa baye* He left home at dawn, daybreak, or early in the morning. **bariisa** *n* dawn; daybreak *bariisa manaa baye* He left home at dawn. **bariisaa** *n* 1 morning star 2 the first Oromo, weekly newspaper now in existence, written in accurate *qubee bariisifachuu* *iv* sleep, wait, stay, etc. until dawn or the first morning light appears *bariisifadhuu deemi* Wait until daybreak

**barmeelii** *n* barrel, i.e., the container

**barmeexaa** Same as *baarmeexaa*

**barneexaa** Same as *baarmeexaa*

**barnoota** See *baruu*

**baroo** See *bareeduu*

**barooduu** *iv* 1 bellow, i.e. make a loud, deep noise like that of a bull *kormi kun maaliif akkana barooda?* Why does this bull bellow like this? 2 Same as *dhaadachuu* (2)

**barqaqqee lafaa** Same as *barii* under *bari'uu*

**barraancaa** *n* skin disease that usu appears on the lips

**barraaqa** *n* daybreak; early in the morning; dawn; see also *barii* under *bari'uu*

**barraara** *n* kid/lamb, i.e., very young or kid sheep; see also *cuucii*

**barreeffachuu** See *barreessuu*

**barreessaa** See *barreessuu*

**barreessuu** *tv* 1 decorate clubs, gourds, pottery, sticks, tooth brushes, etc. by painting/ putting a design/ pattern on them *qabee barreessiti* She is decorating a gourd by painting a design/ pattern on it. 2 write *xalyaa nuu barreessaa* Write us letters. **barreeffachuu** *tv* paint a design/ pattern on sth for self **barreessaa** *adj, n* 1 (of gourds, pottery, etc. painted or designed *qabee barreessaa* a gourd with a design on it 2 permanent secretary, i.e., deputy minister/ secretary; see also *mumicha*, which is more commonly used currently

**barri** See *bara*

**barrisuu** *iv* 1 fly *simbirroon in/ni barrifti/barristi* Birds fly. *rophilaaniinis ni/in barrisa* Airplanes also fly. 2 (fig) fly, i.e., run very quickly *barrisii abbaa kee waami* Fly and call your father.

**barruu**<sup>1</sup> *n* palm, i.e., the inner surface of the hand *har'a barruu na nyaata; tarii horiin argadha* I have an itching palm today; perhaps I would get money.

**barruu**<sup>2</sup> Same as *burree* under *burraawuu*

**barruulee** *n* minutes of a meeting **barsii** *n* thorn-like barley or wheat shoot; barley or wheat stalk after the wheat/ barley head is cut off; ripe barley or wheat grain on the plant

**barsiiftuu** See *baruu*

**barsiisaa** See *baruu*

**barsiistuu** Same as *barsiiftuu*  
under *baruu*  
**bartuu** See *baruu*  
**barumsa** See *baruu*  
**baruu** *iv, tv* **1** learn *afaan inglisii waggaa tokkotti barte* She/You learned English in one year **2** learn, i.e., be informed or be told about *waa'ee du'a isaa dhiyoon bare* I learned about his death recently. **3** be/get used to *nuyi rakkootti barreerra* We are used to hardships. **baramuu** *tv* (passive) be known, discovered, or unmasked *sobi isaa arratti barameera* His hypocrisy is unmasked. **barannoo** *n* lesson  
**barataa** *n* (male) student; learner  
**barattuu** *n* (usu female) student; learner  
**barattoota** *n* students; learners; pupils *manni barnootaa kun barattoota meeqa qaba?* How many students are there in this school? **barnoota** *n* education; culture; custom, i.e., accepted/learned behavior *mana barnootaa school manneen barnootaa schools jaarsaa fi jaartii ulfeessuun /kabajuun barnoota keenya* To respect elders is our culture.  
**barsiiftuu** *n* (usu female) coach; instructor; teacher; trainer  
**barsiisuu** *tv* coach; educate; instruct; teach; train *konkolaataa oofuu isatu na barsiise* He was the one who taught me how to drive a car. **bartuu** *n* (usu female) learner; student  
**barumsa** *n* knowledge; skill *gatii barumsa qabuuf rakkoo malee hojii argate* He

got a job without any difficulty because he has education or skill  
**basaa bal'oo** *n* name of the 7<sup>th</sup> day of a month

**basaa duraa** *n* name of the 6<sup>th</sup> day of a month

**basalaguu** *tv* make fun of sb/sth *qeeransa rakkoo irra jiru, re'een itti basalagdi* (saying) A goat, a leopard's usual prey, makes fun of a leopard in trouble. [The fall of a mighty makes a victim happy]

**basalgaa** *adj* (usu of fresh corn on the cob) excellent/perfect, i.e., neither unripe nor dry *boqqolloo asheetii basalgaa* perfectly ripe fresh corn on the cob

**bashaadaa** See *bashaawuu*

**bashaadduu** See *bashaawuu*

**bashaawuu** *iv* sit back and relax, usu when one is supposed to be working; enjoy oneself; carouse; party; revel *hojii dhiifnee bashaane taa'uun nun baasu/nuy hin or him baasu* We can't afford to sit back and relax; we have to work.

**bashaadaa** *adj* (of males) and **bashaadduu** (usu of females) *adj* carefree, usu because one is so rich that one can afford to sit back and relax most of the time *abbaan manaa isee bashaadaa dha.* Her husband is carefree and relaxed because he is well-off *haati manaa isaas bashaadduu dha* And so is his wife.

**bashannanuu** Same as *bashaawuu*

**bashoo** **1** Same as *adurree* **2** Same as *buqaa*



**bashuudee** Same as *adurree*  
**bashuurree** Same as *adurree*  
**bassaa** Same as *baqsaa* under  
*baquu*  
**bassaasaa** See *bassaassuu*  
**bassaasuu** *tv* spy *asii fi achi deemee*  
*nama bassaasa* He goes around  
and spies on people. **bassaasaa** *n*  
(male) spy **bassaastuu/**  
**bassaaftuu** *n* (usu female) spy  
**basseessuu** *tv* mix flour of  
parched grain, usu barley, with  
butter, pepper, salt, little water  
and eat it *garbuu naa basseessitee*  
*naa galaafte* She mixed flour of  
roast barley with butter, pepper,  
salt, water etc. and gave it to me  
for my voyage provisions.  
**bassoo** *n* flour of parched barley  
mixed with water, salt, pepper,  
butter  
**bassoo** See *basseessuu*  
**bassoobilaa** *n* kind of plant used  
as spice  
**bassuu** Same as *baqsuu*  
**bataskaana** *n* church  
**batattii** See *batattisuu*  
**batattisuu** *iv* flap or flutter, i.e.,  
beat wings up and down  
*kormaan indaaqqoo awuu iyyuu*  
*ka'u in/ni batattisa* A cock flaps its  
wings before crowing. **batattii** *n*  
noise produced by sth that flaps  
**batoo** *adj, n* 1 oar 2 (of foot) broad,  
large,, or wide *miilli isaa batoo*  
*dha* His feet are large.  
**batottaa** Same as *qoochoo*  
**battajaa** *n* kind of wheat  
**battala** *adj* at once, immediately;  
forthwith; instantly; promptly;

without delay *battalaan deebi'ee*  
*dhufe* He came back at once.  
**battee**<sup>1</sup> See *batteessuu*  
**battee**<sup>2</sup> *adj* (usu of rope) flat  
woven *funyoo battee* three or  
more-strand rope *funyoo battee*  
*dhaye/fooye* He wove a three or  
more-strand rope  
**batteessuu** *tv* (usu used of wood)  
make flat *muka kana yoo*  
*batteessite barcuma ta'uu in/ni*  
*danda'a*. If you make this log flat,  
it can be turned into a stool  
**battee** *adj* flat *muka battee* flat  
wood, i.e., board  
**battisuu** *tv* clear land by cutting  
down trees, grass, etc. See also  
*ciruu*  
**bawoo** *adj* good; satisfactory *hojiin*  
*isaa bawoo miti* What he did is not  
good. See also *bayii/baroo*  
**bawuu** *iv* 1. be out; come out; get  
out; go out *bosona keessaa baye* He  
came out of a forest. *yoo dhiira*  
*taate gad naa bayi* If you are a  
man (brave), come out and fight  
with me. *mana hin jiru; bayeera*  
He is not at home; he has left. *ol*  
*baateetti* She has gone up, i.e.,  
towards a higher place. *biyyaa*  
*bayeera* He has gone out of the  
country. *aduun/ji'i baate* The  
sun/moon has risen (lit. has  
come out). *boqqolloon gabaa*  
*bayeeraa?* Is corn on the market,  
i.e., brought out to market? *mana*  
*barnootaatii bayee qonnaa jalqabe*  
He left (lit. came out of) school  
and started farming. 2  
appear/come suddenly; be

available; catch red handed; come forward *intalli miidhagdu kun eessaa baate?* From where has this beautiful girl come (out)? *yoo hojjatan malee horiin eessaa baya?* Unless one works, where will money come from? *atuu inni hatuu arraan bayan* They caught him red handed (lit. they came out on him) while he was stealing. **3** abort; miscarry *ulfatu arraa baya* She had a miscarriage. **4** be free from hunger, oppression, poverty, thirst, etc. *blisa bayaniiru* They have become free/gained political freedom. *iiyyuma keessaa bayaniiru* They have freed themselves from poverty. *dheebuu baateettii?* Is she quenced? **5** resemble; look like *abbaa isaatti baya* He resembles his father. **6** survive; come through a day, summer, winter, year, etc. *galata waaq ganna baane* Thanks God, we have come through the winter, i.e., the rainy season. **7** miss an excellent opportunity *sangaa kana bitadhu; si arkaa hin/him bayin in/ni gaabbittaa* Buy this ox; don't miss this opportunity, otherwise you will regret. **8** milk well *sa'i koo aannan baaayy'ee baati* My cow milks well or yields a lot of milk **9** (of milk) yield much butter *aannan kun dhadhaa hin bawu* (lit. This milk does not yield butter, i.e., the milk does not have enough fat) **10** (usu of boil, itch, small pox, syphilis, etc) contract

or develop *dhullaatu itti baya* He developed a boil. **11** leave home *ganama manaa baya* He left home in the morning. **12** (of a wife) leave husband (takes *jalaa*) *haati manaa isaa maaliif dhirsaa isee jalaa baate?* Why did his wife leave him? **13** (of dirt, grease, smudge, stain, etc.) be removed *kittaa kanattii xuriin hin baane* The dirt/stain on this shirt has not been removed. **14** (of clothes, shoes, etc.) come off; be removed; stripped; taken off *bitawoon arka koorraa (koo arraa) bawuu dide* The bracelet has refused to come off my hand. (For idioms that take *bawuu*, see also *ala, arraa, bakkee, bira, dheebuu, gargar, ija, lafa, mana baafachuu tv 1* strip off; take off one's clothes, shoes, etc. *wayyaa baafatee bishaan daake* He took off his clothes and swam. **2** (of tied animals) disengage *sangaan funyoo baafate* The ox disengaged itself (from the rope). **3** pick one's nose or tooth *furrii baafata* He is picking his nose. **baafata n** contents (of books, etc.) **baasaa n** pincers, usu used for pulling thorns from the feet **baasuu iv, tv 1** cause to go out of *gadi baasii gati* Take it out and throw it away. **2** dismiss, expel, or fire from job, school, military service, etc. *hojii dhaa isa baasaniiru* They have fired him from his job. *mana barnootaatii isee baasaniiru* They have

expelled her from the school. 3 cost or be worth *kormaan*  
*indaanqqoo koo birrii digdama baasa*  
 My cock is worth twenty birri. 4 turn gray (grey) *mataan isaa*  
*haarrii baaseera* His hair has turned grey. 5 help sb to get through, i.e., tide sb over sth; last *qoraan koo ganna na baasa* My fire-wood will tide me over the winter. 6 abuse; call sb names; insult *afaan/arraba natti baase* He called me names. 7 remove, usu dirt, grease, smudge, stain, etc. *saamunaan kun xurii hin/him baasu* This soap does not remove dirt. 8 pay, i.e., be to one's advantage or profit *sobni nama hin/him baasu* Lying does not pay. *dubbiin kun si hin/him baasu namicha hin himatin* You have no case, so don't sue the man. 9 pay, i.e., pay back what one owes *dura isa dur liqeeffattee baasi* First pay back what you borrowed before. 10 develop, usu hitherto uncultivated land *barana lafa baay'ee baasan* They have developed many tracts of land this year. 11 lead the choir or singing *isatu weedduu nuu baase* He was the one who led the singing for us. 12 cause a wife to abandon her husband *jaratu niitii isaa jalaa baase* They are the ones who made his wife leave him. 13 (takes *arkaa*) cause to miss an opportunity *sangaa sana nan bitadhan ture; situ narkaa (na arkaa) baase* I would have bought

that ox, but you made me miss the opportunity (to buy it). 14 put one's tongue/teeth out; cause the eyes to pop, usu to scare sb *arraba natti baase kanaafan isa rukute* He put his tongue out at me. That's why I hit him. *na sodaachisuu dhaaf ija natti baastaa/baaftaa?* Are you popping out your eyes at me to scare me? 15 quench sb's hunger/thirst *bishaan kun dheebuu si baasee?* Has this water quenched your thirst? 16 help sb/sth out of difficulty, poverty, etc.; deliver or save from danger *iseetu rakkoo dhaa na baase* She was the one who helped me overcome my poverty. *kuftee oolte; rabbitu si baase* It was a close call; you almost fell down. 17 divulge or reveal a secret or spill the beans; tell the truth (after resisting to do so), etc. *iccitii keenya baase* He revealed our secret/He spilled the beans. **dhugaa baasi!** Tell the truth! (or else!) 18 cut a tooth; teethe *mucaan koo ilkaan baaseera* My baby has teethed. 19 develop, i.e., to begin to have *boqqolloon algee baaseera* The corn has developed silk. *madaan isaa malaa baase* His wound has developed pus. *foon raammoo baaseeraa gati* The meat has developed worms; throw it away. 20 name, i.e., give a name to *daa'imaaf maqaa baasaniiru?* Have they named the baby? 21 eviscerate;

disembowel *daljeessi hoolaa*  
*keessaa xeerii baase* The baboon  
 disemboweled the sheep. 22 take  
 off or strip *mucaattii kittaa baasi*  
 Take the shirt off the child  
 (he/she is not old enough to do  
 it independelntly) **baha** *n* Same  
 as *baya biiftuu* east

**baxxee** Same as *battee* under  
*batteessuu*

**baxxeessa** Same as *barruu* (1)

**baybaquu** Same as *babbaquu*

**bayeessa** *adj* 1 better, fine, or well,  
*i.e.*, used in response to greeting  
 or enquiry about one's state of  
 health, situation, etc. *amma akkam*  
*sitti jira?* Are you feeling better  
 now? *bayeessa* I am fine. 2 (of  
 male animals/things humans)  
 good *inni nama bayeessa* He is a  
 good man. *korbessa hoolaa*  
*bayeessa bitte* You bought a good  
 ram (good for its breed, conduct,  
 meat etc.) *mana bayeessa qaba* He  
 has a good house 3 (of price)  
 good *sangaa kana bayeessa*  
*bitte/gurgurte* You bought or sold  
 this ox at a good price. 4. OK or  
 O.K. or okay; all right Speaker  
 A: *isaa wajjin deemuu?* May I go  
 with him? Speaker B: *bayeessa*  
 okay; all right **bayeettii** *adj* (of  
 female humans/animals; things)  
 good *haadha manaa bayeetti qaba*  
 He has a good wife. *sulle*  
*bayeetti kana eessaa bitte?* Where  
 did you buy this cute jar?

**bayeettii** See *bayeessa*

**bayii dha** Same as *bayeessa*

**bayinoo** *n* stubble left on a farm to  
 serve as a fertilizer

**bayuu** Same as *bawuu*

**bayyanachuu** *iv* recuperate, *i.e.*,  
 become strong again after  
 illness, exhaustion, etc. or  
 become rich again after financial  
 loss *dhukkubsate ture; ammaaf*  
*bayyanateera* He was ill, but he  
 has recuperated his health now.  
*amma hiyyuma hin qabnu;*  
*bayyananneerra* We are not as  
 poor as we used to be; we are  
 better off now.

**bayyanuu** *iv* decide, *i.e.*, give a  
 judgement or bring in a verdict  
 of guilty or not guilty *abbaan*  
*seeraa isa himatetti moo isa*  
*himatametti bayyane* Did the  
 judge decide against the plaintiff  
 or the defendant? See also  
*murteessuu*

**bececceru** Same as *beceraawuu*

**beccoo** *n* 1 vermin, *i.e.*, parasitic  
 insects, specifically bed-bugs,  
 fleas, and lice so called  
 collectively *yoo mana qulqulluun*  
*qabannee, beccoo balleessuu in/ni*  
*dandanya* If we keep our houses  
 clean, we can get rid of vermins.  
 2 collective noun that denotes  
 minor crops such as beans,  
 lentils, peas, and spices *barana*  
*boqqolloo duwwaan qote malee,*  
*beccoo hin qonne* This year I have  
 grown corn/maize only; I have  
 not grown the minor crops, *e.g.*  
 beans, lentils, spices

**beceraawuu** *tv* tear sth to pieces;  
 shred *qalameen boqqolloo beceraate*

Monkeys tore the shucks from corn crop into pieces.

**beddee** *n* a small, flat clay griddle/pan for baking small bread or for roasting grains or coffee beans *amman beekutti, akaayiin beddeetti akaayama malee eeleetti hin akaayamu* As far as I know, grains are roasted on small griddles, not on the large ones.

**beedarii** Same as *gobanii*

**beeddee** Same as *beddee*

**beedee**<sup>1</sup> Same as *beddee*

**beedee**<sup>2</sup> *n* a person who regularly sells to the same client and a client who regularly buys from the same person; see also *maammilla*

**beeddenaawuu** Same as *walitti fayyuu* under *walitti*

**beeguu** *iv* be arrogant; complacent; proud; be puffed up *qaba jettee him beegin dhabe jettee himbooyin* (saying) Don't be puffed up with conceit when you have wealth; neither should you be miserably sad when you don't have it [moderation]

**beekaa** See *beekuu*

**beekamaa** See *beekuu*

**beekamuu** See *beekuu*

**beekkachuu** See *beekuu*

**beeksisa** See *beekuu*

**beeksisaa** See *beekuu*

**beeksisuu** See *beekuu*

**beektuu** See *beekuu*

**beekuma** Same as *beekumsa* under *beekuu*

**beekumsa** See *beekuu*

**beekuu** *iv, tv* 1 know *maqaa isee beektaa* Do you know her name? *inni gowwaa tokko humaa him beeku* He is a fool; he doesn't know anything. *na beekti?* Does she know me? *akka itti qonnus akka itti lollus beekna* We know how to farm, and we know how to fight. *akka ati dhuftu him beeknen ture* I did not know that you were coming. 2 (used of lightning; takes *itti*) *bakakkaatu itti beekke isa ajjeese* Lightning struck him and killed him; see also *dheekkamuu* (2) 3 (imper. only) keep sth in mind; remember *beeki, ilaa akka bor yaa'ii hin oolle* Remember, don't be absent from tomorrow's meeting. (you, sing) *beekaa, ilaa akka bor yaa'ii hin oolle* Remember, don't be absent from tomorrow's meeting. (you, pl/hon) 4 testify against or in favor of; witness *natti beekte* She testified against me. *naa beeke* He testified in my favor. 5 (negative) never *ani oolee him beeku* I have never been absent. 6 (positive, usu question) ever *asi dhuftu beektaa?* Have you ever come here? **beekaa** *adj* (of male humans; the stress is on the 1<sup>st</sup> syllable) wise; knowledgeable *beekaan keenya ha barsiisuu; wal'aalaan keenya ammo ha baru* Our wise men and women should educate, and our people who are not educated should be

willing to learn. **beekaa** (the stress is on the 2<sup>nd</sup> syllable) *adv* conscious ly; deliberately; intentionally; knowingly; *beekaa sobu* They lie deliberately. *uuroo koo beekaa na duraa cabsani* They broke my jar intentionally. *beekamaa adj* (usu of male humans) famous; known; notorious; well-known; obvious *inni hattuu isa beekamaa dhaa ofi eggadhu* You had better watch out; he is a notorious thief. *Abdiisaan aagaa jagnummaa dhaan beekamaa dha* Abdisaa Agaa is famous/well-known for his courage/intrepidity. *abbabaan biqilaa figichoo dhaan beekamaa dha* Ababaa Biqilaa is a famous marathon runner. *yaadi jaraa beekamaa dha; cunqursanii nu bituu barbaadan* Their plan was obvious; they wanted to oppress us and rule us (for ever). **beekamuu** *tv* (passive) be: discovered, known, exposed, or be unmasked *hattuun sangaa beekameera* The ox thief has been exposed. *sobi isaa arratti beekameera* His hypocrisy is unmasked. **beekkachuu** *iv* 1 have foreknowledge of sth/ have a hunch that; have a presentiment; have a premonition *akka abbaan isaa du'e beekateera* He had a premonition that his father had already died. 2 (imper) watch out; observe carefully; note well; remember *beekkadhu waan tokko hin dubbatin*

Remember, don't say anything (you, sing). *ilaa beekkadhaa bor yaa'iin jira* Note well, there will be a meeting tomorrow (you, pl/honorific). See also *beekuu* (3) above **beekkattuu** *n* (usu female humans) anticipator, i.e., a woman who anticipates the happening of an event before it actually happens; a woman with anticipatory feeling or knowledge **beeksisaa** *n* communiqé; announcement; notice; notification **beeksisaa** *adj* 1 easily identifiable *sangaan koo beeksisaa dha; adda isaa arraa booqaa qaba* My ox is easily identifiable; he has a white blaze on his forehead. **beeksisuu** *iv, tv* 1 show, i.e., be noticeable/ visible/show itself *aariin isaa arratti beeksisaa* His anger shows itself in his looks. 2 tell, i.e., distinguish *allaattiin kormaa ta'uu fi dhiisuun isaa akkamitti/attamitti beeksisaa?* How can one tell whether a large bird is male or not? 3 announce; tell; make known; report *gaafa hattuu argitanu dafaa foolisiitti beeksisaa* When you see a thief, report to the police immediately. **beektuu** *n* a wise, knowledgeable woman **beekumsa** *n* knowledge; wisdom *beekumsa baay'ee ijaa qabuuf namni isa kabaja/ulfeessa* People respect him for his profound knowledge. **beela** See *beela'uu*

**beela'uu** *iv* 1 *be/go hungry; famish armee, nan beela'e* Mother, I'm hungry. *yoo beelofte akaayi nyaadhu irbaati hin qophoofnee* If you are hungry eat parched grain; dinner is not ready yet. 2 (used of a community, country, or village) be exposed to famine *biyyi/biiti keenya bar tokko duwwaa beela'e* Our village was exposed to famine only one year. **beela** *n* 1 hunger *beela hin dandeessu* She can't stand hunger 2 famine *hojjannu malee biyya keenya keessaa beela balleessuu hin dandeenyu* Unless we work hard, we cannot rid our community of famine. **beelessuu** *tv* 1 make hungry *maaliif ijoollee koo beelessite?* Why did you make my children hungry? 2 expose to famine *qonnaa dhiisanii biyya keenya beelessan* They stopped farming and exposed our country to famine. **beelli** *n* hunger; famine *arme, beelli na ajjeese* Mother, I'm dying of hunger/Mother, hunger is killing me.  
missed seeds when sowing  
**beelechuu** Same as *beelessuu* under *beela'uu*  
**beelessuu** See *beela'uu*  
**beellada** *n* cattle; livestock  
**bellama** *adj, n* 1 (usu of assets) precious or valuable *warqeen mi'a beellamaati* Gold is a precious asset. 2 an appointment *har'a beellaman qaba* I have an appointment today.

**beelli** See *beela'uu*  
**beelluu** Same as *beelli* under *beela'uu*  
**been**<sup>1</sup> Same as *beenuu*  
**been**<sup>2</sup> *n* fellow, i.e., fellow man or woman who is from the same country or who is of the same nationality  
**beenaa** *tv* (imper; applies to *you,pl* or honorific) go *beenaa, maaliif ijaajjitu?* Go, why are you standing?  
**beendoo** Same as *kiyyoo*  
**beennacha** *n* decorations for horses  
**beenu** *tv* (imper; applies to *you,sing*) go *beenu, maaliif ijaajjita?* Go, why are you standing?  
**beenyyaa**<sup>1</sup> Same as *qabeenya*  
**beenyyaa**<sup>2</sup> *n* 1 (commonly used when blessing or cursing) desire or wish, i.e., that which is wished for *beenyaan kee siif ha guutu* May your wishes come true. *beenyaan isee isee dhaaf hin guutin* May her wishes not come true. 2 salary or wage; see also *mindaa*  
**beeqelaa** Same as *baaqilaa*  
**beera** *adj, n* 1 (of women) old and respectable *haatii isaa beera* His mother is old and respected *beera lamatu asiin darbe* Two, respectable old women passed this way. 2 a girl who lost her virginity before marriage  
**beerre** Same as *meerre*  
**beesaa** *n* (archaic) copper coin worth about a cent

**beexaluu** Same as *burraaquu*  
**beylada** Same as *beellada*  
**beysisuu** Same as *beeksisuu*  
**bega** *n* 1 grain that sprouts in the granary or silo 2 grain, usu sorghum that molds in a pit for storing grain  
**begala** Same as *bega*  
**belbela** *n* 1 flame; see also *arraba abiddaa* 2 anger  
**belbelaa** *adj* 1. (of male) hasty; hurried; impetuous 2. flame; see also *arraba abiddaa*  
**belbelchuu** Same as *bobeessuu* under *boba'uu*  
**belbeluu** 1 Same as *gubuu* 2 be very angry; see also *aaruu*  
**beldaawuu** *iv* (applies to land on which seeds are being sown) be skipped accidentally with no seeds sown on it **beldessuu** *tv* make land on which seeds are being sown empty or blank by accidentally skipping it **beldii** *adj* of skipped farm land that  
**beldeggee** *adj* discourteous; ill-bred; ill-mannered; impudent; rude; uncivil; vulgar  
**beldii** *n* (of things) extraordinarily thin  
**belesee** Same as *beleshee*  
**beleshee** *n* (of clothes) very light; shoddy *qamisii beleshee tokko naa bite* He bought me a thin, shoddy dress.  
**bel jechuu** Same as *bal jechuu*  
**belxeqqee** Same as *beldeggee*  
**belxxeessuu** Same as *dhoqqeessuu*  
**benderrachuu** *iv* swell

**bengeruu** *tv* dig  
**benii** *adj* (of beer, butter, dough, milk) not undergone fermentation  
**bennacha** *n* horse's mane  
**beqee** (vulgar) Same as *bexee*  
**beqqoo** *n* wisdom *nam beqqoo qabuun jaal'a* I like a person who has wisdom  
**betaa** *adj* (usu of male humans; not used in an aggressive and an intimidating, or pejorative way) docile, foolish, imbecile, moronic, simpleton, or stupid  
*gurbaan betaan kun hoolaa birri soddomaa kudhan duwwaatti gurguree dhufe* This foolish boy sold a sheep worth thirty birr for ten birr only! *betaa dhaaba andaqii* He is so foolish that he won't move from where he had been placed, i.e., he would remain there as if he were a mat put upright  
**bexee** (vulgar) Same as *buqushaa*  
**bexxelchiisuu** See *bexxeluu*  
**bexxellee** See *bexxeluu*  
**bexxeluu** *tv* (usu used of a small, pancake-like bread) bake  
*bexxellee naa bexxelte* She baked small bread for me.  
**bexxelchiisuu** *tv* cause sb to bake *obbolettii isaa bexxellee naa bexxelchiise* He made his sister bake small bread for me.  
**bexxellee** *n* small pancake-like bread; see also *tolchuu* (2)  
**be xxennaawuu** *iv* be pregnant  
**beylada** Same as *beellada*  
**bibiduu** *n* tattoo



**bichisiisuu** See *bituu*

**bicuu** *adj* little; minute; small; tiny  
*soogidda bicuu naa kenni* Give me  
little salt

**biddeena** Same as *buddeena*

**biddiiqaa** See *biddiiquu*

**biddiiquu** *iv* walk gracefully or  
proudly; walk with dignified  
gait *yeroo deemuu in/ni biddiiqa*  
When he walks, he walks with  
dignified gait. **biddiiqaa** *adj* (usu  
of walking) dignified;  
graceful; proud *gurbaa biddii-*  
*qaa sana ilaal* Look at the graceful  
way that boy walks.

**biddiyena** See *buddeena*

**bidirsa** *n* name of the 11<sup>th</sup> day of a  
month

**bidiruu** *n* 1 boat or canoe *bishaan*  
*in/ni daakte moo bidiruu dhaan*  
*ceete?* Did you swim across the  
river or did you cross it by boat?  
2 casket or coffin *bidiruu dhaan*  
*awwaalame* His body was put in a  
coffin and buried. 3. safe, i.e.,  
large, heavy box (usu wooden  
and not movable) in which  
money and valuables are kept 4  
large canoe shaped wooden  
vessel in which beer is brewed

**bidoo** *n* 1 sheep; see also *oolaa/*  
*hoolaa* 2 expression used when  
one calls sheep

**biduu** *n* 1 birthmark 2 Same as  
*bidoo* 3 rainbow

**bifa** *n* 1 appearance, i.e., what  
sb/sth looks like *bifaan wal*  
*fakkaatu; garaan jaraa qoba qobaa*  
*dha malee* They are similar in  
appearance, but they differ in

character. 2. color *bifa sangaa isaa*  
*beektaa?* Do you know the color  
of his ox? 3. beauty or looks *bifa*  
*hin qabdu* She has no looks. **bifa**  
**bifaan kaawuu** *tv* classify sth or  
categorize according to  
appearance, color, form,  
likeness, size, etc. *boqqolloo kana*  
*bifa bifaan kaayi* Classify the  
maize according to size or  
quality. **bifa fakkeenya** *n*  
picture or photograph  
**bifi** Same as *bifa*, but this one is  
usu used as a subject in a  
sentence *bifi sangaa isaa maal*  
*fakkaata* What is the color of his  
ox?

**biflee** *adj* observant;  
perspicacious; good at aiming a  
gun; sharpshooter

**biflooma** *n* precision, usu in  
aiming a gun

**bifni** Same as *bifi*

**bifti** Same as *bifi*

**biibbii** Same as *qorqorroo* (2)

**biichara** *adj* usu used of a child  
who looks small though  
advanced in chronological age;  
see also *qancara* under *qancaruu*

**biichee** *n* 1 small antelope or deer  
2 horse disease

**biicuu** *n* small bird

**biiffollee** *adj* ugly

**biiflee** Same as *biflee*

**biiftuu** *n* sun, i.e., the heavenly  
body itself; *ba'a biiftuu* east or  
sunrise

**biila** 1 Same as *biilaa* 2 any object  
with sharp, i.e., finely pointed

end; e.g. thorns, spines of porcupines, etc.

**biilaa** See *biiluu*

**biilaluu** *n* layer of stone that stands out like cone

**biillee** Same as *biilaa* under *biiluu*  
**biiluu** (of wheat or barley) grow a "head", or ear; flower *garbuun biileera* The barley has developed "head". **biilaa** *n* 1 prickly, needle-like growth in the "head" of barley/wheat 2 Same as *biila* (2)

**biimbee** *n* mosquito, usu the humming sort that bites people, usu at night

**biimee** Same as *biimbee*

**biinnii** *n* 1 anopheles (mosquito) 2 malaria; see also *busaa*

**biiraa** *n* European beer

**biirii** *n* water well; water hole

**biiroo**<sup>1</sup> *n* net or bag, usu made from rope

**biiroo**<sup>2</sup> *n* office, i.e., room used as a place of work

**biiti** Same as *biyyi*

**biixxee** *adj, n* a very small quantity; not an iota; not a trace of; not a whit *biixheen isaayyuu asiin hin/him baane* There was no trace of him; he did not show up. *biixheen ashaboo gabaa hin jiru* There was no salt at all in the market. *ashaboo biixxee naa kennite* She gave me a very small quantity of salt. *waan inni amma jedhe keessa biixheen dhugaa hin jiru* There is not an iota of truth in what he has just said.

**bijaa gochuu** Same as *burjaajessuu* (2)

**bikka** Same as *bakka*

**bikkee** Same as *bakkee*

**bilaasha** *adj* 1 useless; worthless *gonnaan koo bilaasha ta'e* My crop became useless. 2 free of charge *bilaasha na hojjachiisuu barbaadu* They want me to work for them free of charge.

**bilaatii** *n* 1 solution *bilaatii isaa hin/him beeku* I do not know its solution 2 tact *hojiin kun bilaatii malee humna hin/him barbaachisu* This work needs to be done with tact not with force.

**bilbila** See *bilbiluu*

**bilbilee** *adj* (of female or children) efficient and hard-working *niitii bilbilee tokko qaba* He has an efficient and hard-working wife.

**bilbilsuu** Same as *bilbiluu*

**bilbiltuu** See *bilbiluu*

**bilbiluu** *tv* 1 ring (a bell) *bilbila bilbili* Ring the bell. 2. telephone *silkaa naa bilbilte* She telephoned me. **bilbila** *n* bell

**bilbiltuu** Same as *bilbila*

**bilchaachuu** *tv* 1 be/become well boiled/cooked; become well done *foon kun dheedhii dha; hin/him bilchaanne* This meat is raw; it is not well done. *amma dinnichi bilchaatutti obsi* Be patient until the potatoes are boiled well. 2 (used of crops, fruit) ripen; ripe *kookiin hin/him bilchaanne* The peaches are not ripe. *boqqolloon bilchaateera* The corn crop is ripe. 3 (usu used of

wine or beer) be ripe, i.e., be matured and be ready for drinking *daadhiin kee bilchaateeraa*? Is your wine/mead ripe? **4** (usu used of butter) be/grow rancid *dhadhaan kun baay'ee bilchaate* This butter has become rancid. **bilchaataa** *adj* **1** cooked; well done *foon bilchaataa malee isa dheedhii nyaachuun gadhee dha* It is good to eat cooked meat; however, it is terrible to eat raw meat. **2** ripe; rancid *boqqolloo bilchaataa* ripe corn *dhadhaa bilchaataa* rancid butter **bilcheeffachuu** *tv* boil/cook for self *foon bilcheefadhu nyaadhu* Boil/Cook the meat for your self and eat it. **bilcheessisuu** *tv* cause/make to boil/cook *foon kana deemii naa bilcheessis* Go and have this meat cooked properly. **bilcheessuu** *tv* boil, cook, or fry until well done *foon kana naa bilcheessi* Cook this meat for me until it is well done. **bilchoo** *adj* **1** of a child who looks young and small though advanced in years; mature; see also *qancara* **2** ripe **bilchaataa** See *bilchaachuu* **bilcheechuu** Same as *bilcheessuu* **bilcheesisuu** See *bilchaachuu* **bilcheessuu** See *bilchaachuu* **bilchoo** See *bilchaachuu* **bilchuu** *n* right or lawful claim **bildiimaa** Same as *bilduu* **bilduu** *adj* (usu of water) mud-colored; muddy and dirty *sa'i*

*bishaan bilduu goote* The cow made the stream muddy. **bilii** *n* clothes-moth **bilillee** *n* a small, narrow-necked glass/flask, usu used for drinking mead **biliquee** Same as *billiccee* under *biligsuu* **bilig gochuu** *tv* **1** light *kurraasii bilig goote* She lighted the kerosene lamp. **2** kill sb fast and with lightning speed *bilig goodhee lafa isa buuse bira darbe* He killed him in no time and went away. **biligii** *adv* at once; on the spur of the moment *biligii tokkoon fiigee saree arkaa baye* He ran real fast and escaped the dog. **bilig jechuu** *iv* begin to burn; give off light; shine *aduun bilig jette* The sun has begun to shine **biligqee** Same as *billiccee* (**2**) under *biligsuu* **biligsuu** *iv, tv* **1** blink/wink one's eye/eyes *maaliif ija isee ammas ammas biligisiti?* Why does she blink her eyes so frequently? **2** (used of light, star) blink or flash *baatrii ija kootti biligse* He flashed a light (from a flash light) into my eyes. **billiccee** *n* **1** lightning **2** fire-fly **3** flash; sparkle **bilisa** *n* emancipation; freedom; independence; liberty *wal'aansoo dhaan bilisa arganne* We achieved independence through struggle. **bilisummaa** Same as *bilisa* **billaa** *n* knife; sword

**billaacha** *n* butterfly **akka**  
**billaachaa fiiguu** *iv* hare, i.e.,  
run very fast **akka billaachaa fiigee**  
*na qaqqabe* He ran very fast/He  
hared off and caught up with  
me.

**billaangota** Same as *furrisa*

**billiccee** See *biliqsuu*

**billic jechuu** Same as *biliq jechuu*

**billiitii** *n* various parts of meat  
such as fillet, loin, breast, etc.

**biloollee** Same as *ulullee*

**bilqaaxxii** *n* a small glass bottle  
for hair cream, perfumes, etc.;  
cruet **bilqaaxxii keessaa shittoo**  
**barruutti cobsitee dibatte** From the  
small bottle, she dropped  
perfume on her palm and wore  
it [the perfume]

**bilshaachuu** Same as *bilchaachu*

**biluu** *n* 1 Same as *aaloo* 2 a kind of  
a creeping plant the leaves of  
which are bitter

**bilxii** *adj* clever; cunning

**bineelda** Same as *bineensa*

**bineensa** *n* 1 (masc; collective  
noun) beast, i.e., any wild or  
jungle animal, usu harmful to  
man **oolaa koo bineensatu nyaate**  
**ta'a** My sheep must have  
been/fallen a prey to some wild  
beast. **bineensi eda boqqolloo koo na**  
**duraa nyaate** Some beasts  
ruined/ate my corn/maize crop  
last night. 2 snake **bineensa isa**  
**diimaa duwwaa ajjeesaa malee isa**  
**gur'aachatti hin/him bu'inaa** Kill  
only the red, i.e., the non-black  
snakes; don't touch (kill) the  
black ones. 3. (of male humans)

beast, i.e., brute, cruel, callous,  
disgusting, or terribly mean  
**namicha bineensa kanaa wajjin**  
**taa'uu hin/him barbaadu** I don't  
want to sit with this beast of a  
man. **bineentii** *n* 1 (fem;  
collective noun) small jungle or  
wild beast such as fox and  
porcupine, usu harmful to man  
in some way, i.e., in eating his  
crop or domestic animals **eda**  
**bineentiin dafee fixxe** Some small,  
wild animal (e.g. porcupine)  
finished the bean crop last  
night. 2. (usu of female humans)  
beast, i.e., brute, cruel,  
disgusting, shrew, or terribly  
mean **inni nama gaarii dha, haadha**  
**manaa isaatu bineentii dha malee**  
He is a nice man, but his wife is  
terrible/as cruel as a beast.

**bineentii** See *bineensa*

**bineessa** Same as *bineensa*

**bineettii** Same as *bineentii* under  
*bineensa*

**binnoo** *n* net, a device for  
capturing animals **xirinyiin**  
**binnoo dhaan qabamti** A civet cat  
is captured by a net/trap.

**biqila** See *bqiluu*

**biqilchuu** See *bqiluu*

**biqilfachuu** See *bqiluu*

**biqiltuu** See *bqiluu*

**bqiluu** *iv* 1 (used of finger-nail,  
hair, grains soaked in water,  
seeds in the ground) grow,  
germinate, or sprout **dafeen**  
**bqileera** The bean seeds in the  
ground have sprouted. 2 (of  
teeth) come through **ilkaan isaa**

*biqileeraaf* His teeth have come through. **biqila** *n* malt **biqilaa** *n* plant **biqilchuu** *tv* 1 cause to grow or sprout *bokkaa gidduu kanaatu boqqolloo biqilche* The recent rain has made the maize sprout. 2 cut a tooth *mucaan koo ilkaan biqilcheera* My baby has cut his teeth. **biqilfachuu** *iv* cut a tooth *mucaan kee ilkann biqilfateeraa?* Has your baby cut teeth? **biqiltuu** *n* seedlings or nursery plants; sprouting grain seed from the ground

**bira** *adv, prep* 1 beside; by; near *bishaan biratti mana ijaarrate* He built a house for self near a river. *abbaa manaa isee bira teesse* She sat beside/ by her husband. *cal jettee na bira darbite* She walked past me without saying a word to me. 2 (in combination with verbs of location) with *eenyuun biratti dhiifte?* Who did you leave it with? *iseen na bira bulte* She stayed over night with me. *isa bira ooltee deemte* She stayed with him all day and left. *eeboon kee na bira jira* Your spear is with me *na bira teessee baruu in/ni dandessa* You can live with me and go to school here. *inni na bira ture* He was with me. 3 (in combination with verbs of motion) to, i.e., towards *isa bira deemi* Go to him. *na bira kottu* Come to me. *eessuma kee bira dhaqii taphadhu* Go to your uncle's place and play. *rakkattanii na bira dhufan* They came to me because they had

problems. **bira bawuu** *iv* stay with sb, usu for a relatively long period of time, e.g. a month, a season, a year, etc. *ganna darbe nu bira baye* He stayed with us the last rainy season. **bira gawuu** *iv* arrive at or reach a place; come *akkuma muka guddaa tokko bira gayaniin ijaajjan* As soon as they reached where there was a big tree, they stopped. *nu bira geessee deebite* She came to us and returned. **bira kaawuu** *tv* leave sb or sth with sb/ near sth *mi'a isaa nu bira kaayee bade* He left his things with us and disappeared. *dhadhaa abidda bira hin kaayin in/ni baqaa* Don't put the butter near fire; it will melt. **bira kaayachuu** Same as **bira keeyachuu** *tv* commit; consign; entrust, i.e., place sb/ sth in safekeeping *mucaa isee na bira keeyattee gabaa dhaqxe* She left her baby with me and went to the market. **bira taa'uu** *iv* live or stay with sb *eessuma isee bira teessi malee mana haadhaa fi abbaa isee hin teessu* She lives with her uncle; she does not live with her parents. **biratti** *prep* 1 before, i.e., in the presence of *ijoollee biratti waan dhoksaa hin haasa'in* Do not discuss a secret in the presence of children. 2 with *mi'a isee na biratti dhiiftee qajeelte*. She left her things with me and went away.

**biraa** *adv, prep* 1 away from; from *na biraa kaatee isa bira*

*teesse* She left her seat, which was beside me, and sat by his side. *abidda biraa ka'i* Go away from near the fire. *na biraa deemteetti/baateetti* She has left me, i.e., she does not live with me. **2** dine out at the house of one's friends or relatives *har'a irbaata obboleessa kee biraa nyaadhu* Today, eat your dinner at your brother's house. **biraan** *prep* by *mana koo biraan darbe* He passed by my house. See also *kan* and *karaa*, respectively, for *kan biraa* and *karaa biraa*

**biraan** See *biraa*

**bir'achuu** *iv* (usu used of birds) be frightened or startled *simbirroon in/ ni bir'atte* The bird was startled.

**bira oolmaa** *n* the practice of tending cattle by all the owners in the absence of a person whose turn it is to look after the cattle *har'a bira oolmaa ooluu keenya nutti fakkaata* It seems that all of us have to look after our cattle together (since the person who had been scheduled to do so is absent).

**biratti** See *bira*

**birbir jechuu** *iv* **1** (of mules) be frightend *gaangeen waan gur'aacha tokko argitee birbir jette* The mule saw some dark object and became frightened. **2** (of the eyelid) blink unusually fast, i.e.,

shut and open fast *iji koo birbir na jedha; maalan arga laata?*

(superstition) My eyes blink uncontrollably fast; may be I'll see something new; see also *roqomuu* (3) and *sirbuu* (3).

**birbirs** *n* a kind of tree, probably juniper tree (*podocarpus falcatus*)

**bir dhachuu** Same as *bir'achuu*

**bir diimfachuu** Same as *diriirfachuu*

**bir gayii** Same as *du'a gayii*

**birii**<sup>1</sup> *n* **1** scab or incrustation seen on the backs of load animals, especially horses, after the wounds/sores are healed **2** back of horses

**birii**<sup>2</sup> *n* a nap-like sleep whereby a person wakes up every now and then instead of having uninterrupted sleep

**bir iifachuu** *iv, tv* **1** (usu of dogs) wag the tail and show love *sareen koo briifachaa na simate* My dog wagged its tail and received me. **2** fawn; flatter; pander to; truckle to; wheedle; *waa arraa argachuuf biriifata* He is flattering him and fawning on him to get something out of him.

**bir illee** Same as *bilillee*

**bir iqsuu** *iv* (usu used of calves) frolic; jump up and down; gambol *jabbiin bakkee keessa biriisite* The calf frolicked in the field; see also *burraaquu*

**birkii** **1** Same as *humna*<sup>2</sup> **2** Same as *damee* **3** department **4** Same as *sanyii* (3)

**birmachuu** *iv* run or rush to the aid of a person who is in an emergency situation *awuu manni isaa abidda qabate itt birmannee dhaamsineef* When his house caught fire, we rushed to his aid and extinguished the fire.

**birmaduu**<sup>1</sup> *n* a free person, i.e., traditionally one who is not classified as a "slave"; unmixed or "pure" Oromo *achumaa as dhufa sanyiin koo birmaduu dha* I am of a "pure" Oromo blood through and through.

**birmaduu**<sup>2</sup> *n* baby

**biroolmaa** Same as *bira oolmaa*

**birqii** *adj* rare/scarce, i.e., seldom met with *sa'aatiin biyya keenyaatti birqii dha* A watch is a rare commodity in our village.

**birraa** *n* 1 September 2 autumn or fall *birraan bayeera* Fall has set in

**birree** *n* tag, i.e., children's game of chasing a player and touching while avoiding to be touched

**birreessa** *adj, n* yellow

**birreylee** *adj, n* 1 Same as *bosonuu* 2 yellow or yellowish

**birrii**<sup>1</sup> *n* 1 the basic monetary unit of Ethiopia 2 long grass or stalk of plant

**birrii**<sup>2</sup> *n* (of a cow) un milked, i.e., left without being milked **birrii buluu** *iv* be left without being milked over night *sa'i koo birrii bulte* My cow was not milked last night. **birrii ooluu** *tv* be left without being milked for the whole day *sa'i koo birrii oolte* My cow was not milked all day.

**birriiquu** Same as *mirgisuu*

**birriiqxuu** Same as *mirgituu* under *mirgisuu*

**birrisiisuu** *tv* (applies to a cow that is scared or is emotional) cause/make a cow refuse to give milk while being milked, i.e., one that stops giving milk suddenly *maaltu isee birrisiifnaan aannan na dhowwatte?* What scared her so much that she stopped giving me milk all of a sudden?

**birroo** *n* white barley, usu grown in summer

**birsasuu** Same as *abjoochuu* (1)

**birsii** *adj, n* (usu of mead) not under gone fermentation; not ripe or mature, i.e., soft; sweet and has no alcohol in it *ijoolleen birsii dhugdi* Children drink soft mead, so to speak

**birtaa'uu** (applies to self hate) despise; hate; dislike; see also of *jibbuu* under *of*

**birteessuu** depise; dislike; hate sb; see also *tuffachuu*

**birtukaana** Same as *burtukaana*

**birzii** Same as *birsii*

**bis** an expression used for chasing away a cat

**bisaan** Same as **bishaan**

**bishaan** *n* 1 water *bishaan danfisanii dhuguu wayya* It's better to boil water and drink it. 2. watery or wash, i.e., weak *waxiin kun bishaanuma* This stew is a mere wash. **bishaan daakuu** *iv* swim *bishaan daakuu beektaa?* Do you know how to swim?

**bishaan dhuguu** *iv* (usu used of cabbage being boiled) be watery by absorbing too much water  
*raafuun bishaan dhuge* The cabbage became watery, and it did not boil properly  
**bishaan fuulaa** *n* amniotic fluid; bag of waters or waters, i.e., liquid in which the embryo is suspended  
**bishaan galchuu** *tv* cause to be in vain; disparage sb's efforts, etc. *xaara koo bishaan galchan* They disparaged my efforts  
**bishaan galuu** *tv* be fruitless; be in vain *xaarri koo hundinu bishaan gale* All my effort was in vain  
**bishaan nama nyaachuu** *tv* drown *ilma isaa bishaantu nyaate jedhu* They say his son drowned.  
**bishaan sammuu** Same as *bishaan fuulaa* above  
**bishoollaa** *n* sheep disease  
**bishootaa** (expression) Order!  
**bisiluu** *adj* (of a sacrificial lamb) not appropriate for the occasion *oolaan kun bisluu dha* This lamb is not appropriate for sacrifice  
**bisingaa** Same as *masingaa*  
**bisingillee** *adj* (positive sense) plump a plump cow *dhaltii bisingillee* a plump woman *dubartii bisingillee* a fat woman  
**biskileetii** *n* bicycle  
**bismaara** *n* nail, i.e., pointed piece of metal hammered into articles to fasten them together  
**bisoo** *n* snack eaten between major meals

**bissii** *n* a small bundle of barley, wheat, etc.; sheaf *garbuu bissii tokko* one sheaf of barley  
**bita**<sup>1</sup> *n* devil; wickedness; fiend; mischievous person *bita qaba* There is a devil in him.  
**bitooftuu** *adj* devilish; fiendish; wicked *niitiin bitooftuun sun maal jette?* What did that wicked woman say?  
**bita**<sup>2</sup> *n* Name of the 27<sup>th</sup> day of a month  
**bitaa** *adj* left *nammi tokko tokko arka bitaatiinis arka mirgaatiinis wal qixxee hojjachuu in/ni danda'a* Some people are ambidextrous.  
**2** awkward **3** south; see also *kibba*  
**bitaa dhaan irribaa ka'uu** *iv* get out of bed on the left side, i.e., on the wrong side of the bed. *har'a humtuu hin taaneef; bitaa dhaan irribaa ka'e fakkaata* Nothing went right for him today; may be he got out of bed on the wrong side. **bitaattii** *adj* left-handed; awkward *maal gurbaan bitaattiin kun eeboo sirriitti darbachuu hin danda'uu?* What? Can't this awkward boy throw a spear straight?  
**bitaacha** Same as *bitaa*  
**bitaattii** See *bitaa*  
**bitachuu** See *bituu*  
**bitamuu** See *bituu*  
**bitawoo** *n* bracelet  
**bitima** *n* gate, i.e. a door-like structure used outdoors at the entrance to the premises of a house  
**bitintiraawuu** Same as *bitintiruu*



**bitintiruu** *iv* (usu of persons trying hard to prevent a fall after losing his or her footing) reel; stagger; totter, i.e., get up, stand or walk unsteadily *eega gufatee booda, bitintire kufe* After losing his footing, he staggered and fell.

**bitittaawuu** *iv* (from blow, burden, drunkenness, weakness, etc.) reel, stagger, or totter *bitittaayee kufe* He staggered and fell. **bititteessuu** *tv* make/cause to reel, stagger, or totter *ba'aa xinnoo kanatu akkana si bititteessaa?* Is it such a small load that makes you stagger so much?

**bititteessuu** See *bitittaawuu*

**bitoo** Same as *bitawoo*

**bitooftuu** See *bita*

**bitootessa** *n* March

**bittaa** See *bituu*

**bittimsuu** *tv* 1 (usu used of solid substances such as flour, grain, salt, sugar, etc.) spill, i.e., cause to fall out of a container; scatter *indaanqoon callaa bittimsite* The hen spilled the grain. 2 (usu used of seeds being sown manually) heap up on one spot instead of scattering it evenly *sanyii iddoo tokkotti bittimse* He put too many seeds just on one spot. 3 (fig) squander or waste money *horii isaa bittimsee iyyoome* He squandered his money and became poor.

**bittinnaawuu** *iv* (usu of flour, chaff, and the like) spread

*daakuun natti bittinnaayee daara na fakkeese* The flour spread over me and made me look like ash.

**bittinneessuu** *tv* spread flour, chaff, etc. *daakuu natti hin bittinneessin* Don't spread flour all over me.

**bittinneechuu** Same as *bittinneessuu*

**bittinneessuu** See *bittinnaawuu*

**bittinsuu** Same as *bittimsuu*

**bittuu** See *bituu*

**bituu** *tv* 1 buy; purchase; shop; go shopping *kittaa kee kana eessaa bitte?* Where did you buy this shirt of yours? 2. (usu used of yoke of oxen) rent *har'a sangaa gateetti tokko bite* He rented a yoke of oxen today. **bichisiisuu** *tv* make buy or purchase *waan kana hin/him barabaadun ture iseetu na bichisiise malee* I did not want to buy this stuff, but she made me buy it any way.

**bitachuu** *tv* 1 buy or purchase for oneself *dur gaangee tokko duwwaa qaba ture; amma fardas biteera* He used to have just one mule. Now he has bought himself a horse, too. 2 rent *sangaa gateetti lama bitee lafa isa afe qote* He rented two yoke of oxen and plowed the rest of his land. **bitamuu** *tv* (passive) 1 (usu said of sth not produced at home or not for sale) *oolaan kun ni/in bitee; kan gurguraa miti* This sheep is not for sale; it is a purchase itself. 2. be bought, i.e., be bribed or corrupted *naqaashiin*

*sun ni bitamte* The witness was bought *horii fi aangoon itti kennamnaan bitame malee dur nama dhugaa sabaatiif lolu fakkaata ture* Before they corrupted him with power and wealth, he used to give the impression that he had stood for people's cause. **bittaa** *n* market situation *kaleessa bittaa oolaa akkam ture?* How was the sheep market yesterday? **bittaa fi gurgurtaa** *n* business transaction **bittuu** *n* (a little pejorative because traditionally almost every Oromo family produced everything, except perhaps salt and things made of metal such as knives and plowshare) buyer *namichattiin bittuun kun boqqolloomlee ni bitatti malee qottee hin nyaattu* This buyer buys even maize; he doesn't grow it and eat it! **bixxilee** Same as *bexxellee* under *bexxeluu* **bixxinnaawuu** Same as *bexxennaawuu* **bixxenneessuu** *to* cause to be pregnant **biyya** *n* 1 country, nation, place of birth, region, or village *biyya abbaa isaatii fi bilisummaa jedhee du'e* He died for his country/fatherland and freedom. 2 (signifies a large number) country/nation, i.e., the people as a whole *yaa'ii har'aa biyyatu baye* The whole country, i.e., many people attended or showed up for today's meeting. **biyyee** Same as *biyyoo*

**biyyi** Same as *biyya*, but this one is used as a subject in a sentence **biyyoo** *n* soil *biyyoo diimaa* red soil *biyyoo gur'aacha* black soil **biyyoo nyaachuu** *iv* (fig) die *biyyoo nyaadhu* I wish you death. **bo** expression of disbelief, disapproval, or disgust *bo natti hin iyyin* I'm disgusted; don't shout at me. **bobaa** *n* armpit **boba'uu** *iv* 1 burn *qoraan kun dafee hin/him boba'u* This firewood does not burn easily. 2 (used of fire itself) be in; burn *abiddi in/ni boba'a moo dhaameera?* Is the fire still in or is it out? **bobeeffachuu** *tv* light fire for self *abidda bobeeffannee qaqqaaammanne* We lighted fire and warmed ourselves. **bobeessuu** *tv* 1. light fire, i.e., start a fire *ka'ii abidda bobeessi* Get up and light a fire. 2 blow up a burning fire to make it burn with more intensity *abiddi kun dhaamuufi; bobeessi* This fire is dying down; blow it up 3 Same as *gubuu* (6) **bobayaa** *n* poison; see also *hadhaa* (2) and *sum'ii* **bobba'aa** See *bobba'uu* **bobbaafachuu** See *bobba'uu* **bobbaasuu** See *bobba'uu* **bobba'i** See *bobba'uu* **bobba'uu** *iv, tv* 1 (usu of sth or a woman in confinement) be discharged or released; go out *haati manaa isaa kaleessa bobbaate* His wife left her place of confinement yesterday. 2. release

cattle, goat, sheep, etc. so that they can go out and graze *jabbileen bobba'aniiruu*? Are the calves released? 3. (usu used of humans) crap; defecate; ease oneself; go to stool; stool *eenyutuu asitti bobba'e*? Who defecated here? **bobbaa** *n* crap; excrement; shit; stool **bobba'aa** (expression usu used with snakes, pl) go in peace, nobody intends to hurt you **bobbaa-fachuu** *tv* release cattle, goat, sheep, etc. for self *saawwa koo bobbaafadheen dhufe* I have taken out my cows so that they can graze. **bobba'i** (usu said to snakes, sing.) go in peace, no one will hurt you. **bobbaasuu** *tv* release sb or sth from confinement or captivity *jabbilee bobbaasaniiruu*? Have they released the calves?

**bobeechuu** Same as *bobeessuu* under *boba'uu*

**bobeeffachuu** See *boba'uu*

**bobeessuu** See *boba'uu*

**bobeysuu** Same as *bobeessuu*

**boccisuu** *tv* suck greedily and with noise, usu used of hungry babies or calves *mucaan boccisee hodhutti jira* The baby is sucking (its mother's breast) greedily and noisily.

**boccoquu** 1 Same as *cuffachuu* 2 cut ginned cotton into tiny lumps

**bochoo** *adj*, *n* 1 alley; gully; 2 Same as *bal'aa*

**bochororee** *n* dry leaves

**bococoo** Same as *ciimmaa*

**bocongee** *n* heavy rainy season; heavy rain

**bocoocoo** Same as *ciimmaa*

**bocorroquu** *iv* slop about in puddle or water; splash *ilmi kee raaree keessa bocorroqe* Your son slopped about in the puddle. *ijoolleen bishaan keessa bocorroquu jaal'atu* Children love to splash in water.

**bocuu** 1 Same as *soquu* (2) 2 disturb; upset

**boddaa** 1 Same as *balaccuu* 2 Same as *asxaa* (1) 3 Same as *awwaaroo*

**bodee** *n* small, light spear, usu used for killing/transfixing at a distance

**bododdoo** Same as *bochoo* (1)

**bododii** Same as *bochoo* (1)

**bofa** *n* 1 snake or serpent 2 a very shrewd person **booraatii bofaa** *n* a crawling, worm-like, black creature believed to have fifty feet (lit. snake's pillow)

**boffee** See *boffeessuu*

**boffeessuu** *tv* weave cotton into very thick thread so that it can be used as weft or woof; opposite of *qallaa* (2) **boffaawuu** *iv* be very weak and fat *namichi kun in/ni boffaaye malee humna hin qabu* This man is fat, but he has no strength. **boffee** *n* thickly woven cotton thread used as weft or woof, opposite of *qallaa* (2) 2 *adj* usu of a fat person without strong muscles **boffaawuu** See *boffeessuu*

**boggonuu** *tv* dig deep  
**bogongoo 1** gorge, i.e., a deep, dry narrow valley **2** a channel in the ground formed by flood  
**bokkaa** *n* rain *bokkaan kaleessaa cabpii buuse* It hailed yesterday.  
**bokkollaawuu** Same as *dirmammaawuu*  
**bokkolleessuu** Same as *dirmammeessuu* under *dirmammaawuu*  
**bokkolluu 1** Same as *dirmammuu* under *dirmammaawuu* **2** Same as *bokkuu* (2)  
**bokkuu** *n* 1 club; stick; scepter *bokkuu dhaan mataa isaa dhaye* He hit him on the head with a club.  
**2.** (fig) (usu of human head) round and big *mataan isaa bokkuu dha* His head is big. **mata-bokkee** *adj* big headed, as it were **abbaa bokkuu** *n* president in the *gadaa* system of government (lit. the holder of the scepter)  
**bokoka** See *bokokuu*  
**bokoksuu** See *bokokuu*  
**bokokuu** *iv* (applies to stomach) be bloated or distended with over eating *ijaan midhaan hedduu nyaadheef garaan na bokoke* My stomach is distended because I ate too much. **bokoka** *n* flatulence *baay'isanii nyaachuun bokoka fida* Eating too much causes flatulence. **bokoksuu** *tv* cloy; gorge; glut; surfeit; stuff oneself with too much food; fill the stomach to excess until the feeling of discomfort sets in *dafee*

*dhaan garaa of bokokse* He surfeited himself with too much beans.  
**bolaa** *adj* foolish  
**bolangoo** Same as *boolla*  
**bolbaallee** *n* a pair of long, loose pants/trousers  
**boldii** *n* bulgy lips  
**bolduu** *tv* take a lot of whatever one takes *boldee fudhate* He took a lot.  
**bolola** *n* greed; see also *bajoojuu*  
**bololuu** *iv* be greedy; see also *bajoojuu*  
**boloqqee** *n* haricot beans; beans  
**bolotikaa** Same as *polotikaa*  
**bolxoqqaawuu** Same as *dhoqqaawuu*  
**bolxoqqee** Same as *dhoqqee*  
**bolxoqqeessuu** Same as *dhoqqeessuu*  
**bomba'aa** Same as *dibicha*  
**bombaatu** Same as *goromsa*  
**bombisa** Same as *waraanaa*  
**bona** See *boneessuu*  
**bonee** *n* summer crop or vegetables produced by irrigation *boqqolloo bonee* summer or dry season corn  
**boneessuu** *tv* (applies to climate or region) cause to be arid; make dry *bokkaan badee biyya keenya boneesse* Absence of rain made our village arid/dry **bona** *n* dry season; summer *bona bokkaan hin roobu* It doesn't rain in summer. *bona isa dhufu wal agarra* See you this coming summer.  
**bongoo** Same as *allayyaa*  
**bonkoo** *n* leather dress

**boobaa** Same as *leemman*  
**boobee** *n* good quality sorghum  
**booca** *n* 1 remnant; a remaining 2 bread made from processed stalk of false banana  
**booccee** Same as *dhadhaqii*  
**booccessuu** *tv* construct road  
**boochiftuu** Same as *boossiftuu*  
**boochisiiftuu** Same as *boossisiftuu*  
**boochisuu** Same as *boosisuu*  
**boochoo** *n* path or road that is trodden, i.e., that has been walked over too much and for too long  
**boochuu** Same as *boossuu*  
**booda** *adv* 1 after; afterwards; later (on) *booda kottu* Come afterwards. 2 behind, i.e., next in order to *isa kana isa sana booda kaayi* Put this behind that one. 3 last; behind *na booda deemi* Walk behind me. *inni jara booda ol seene* He entered last, i.e., after all the others entered. **boodana** *adv* lately *amala gadhee akkanaa boodana baase* He developed such a bad habit lately. **boodanee** *adj*, *n* (of a child) born last; name of a child born last  
**boodana** See *booda*  
**boodanee** See *booda*  
**boodda** (vulgar) Same as *qunxurroo*  
**booddee** Same as *booda*  
**boogganuu** *iv* be arrogant, conceited, haughty, pompous, puffed-up, stuck-up, or be vain *maaliif akkana boogana* Why is he so puffed-up?  
**booji'amu** See *booji'uu*

**boojii**<sup>1</sup> See *booji'uu*  
**boojii**<sup>2</sup> *n* drain, i.e., ditches on a farm used for draining water  
**boojii baasuu** *tv* prepare a furrow in which rain water is carried away from the farm  
**boojisiisuu** See *booji'uu*  
**booji'uu** *tv* capture; loot; pillage; plunder; take captivity, i.e., take property or persons after conquering *loltuun keenya diina baay'ee booji'an* Our soldiers captured many soldiers.  
**booji'amu** *tv* (passive) be captured, looted, or pillaged *diina hedduutu boji'ame* Many enemies were captured **boojii** *n* booty; captive; loot **boojisiisuu** *tv* cause to capture, loot, or pillage  
**boojjii** *n* saline soil; see also *boolee*  
**boojitoo** *n* a stick used, usu for stirring porridge  
**boojuu** Same as *boojii* under *booji'uu*  
**booka** Same as *daadhii*  
**bookee** *n* gnat or mosquito  
**bookkaa** Same as *bokkaa*  
**bookkisiisuu** See *bookkisuu*  
**bookkisuu** *iv* (usu used of bulls) bellow *kormi kun gaana qabee fakkaata; baay'ee bookkisa* This bull seems to be rutting because he bellows too much. **bookkisiisuu** *tv* cause to bellow *korma kana akkana hin/him bookkisiisin gadhiisi* Do not make this bull bellow like that; untie him and let him go.  
**boolalee adii** Same as *nooraa* (1)

**boola bishaanii** Same as *biirii*  
**boolee** *n* saline soil  
**boolii** *n* (persons) excrement or  
 shit **boolii bawuu** *iv* defecate/go  
 to a toilet *boolii asitti baye* He  
 defecated here; see also *bobba'uu*  
**boolla** See *boolla'uu*  
**boollangaawuu** Same as *boolla'uu*  
**boollangeessuu** Same as  
*boollessuu*  
**boollangoo** *adj* (of land surface)  
 sunken  
**boolla'uu** *iv* (usu applies to fields  
 or roads) become full of holes or  
 pits *iddoon kun in/ni boolla'e*;  
*qonnaaf hin ta'u* This place is full  
 of pits; it won't be suitable for  
 farming. **boolla** *n* 1 burrow,  
 hole, pit, or pot-hole *bolla xaddee*  
 porcupine's burrow *karaan*  
*konkolaataa boolla duwwaa ta'eera*  
 The highway is full of pot-holes.  
 2 grave *reeffa fidutti jiru*; **boolli**  
*qophaaye?* They are bringing the  
 corpse; is the grave ready?  
**boollessuu** *tv* 1 dig a hole deep;  
 make deep *boollessee qote* He dug  
 the hole deep. 2 cause (a field) to  
 be full of holes *xaddeen iddoo kana*  
*baay'ee boollessite* A porcupine  
 made this area full of holes.  
**boolloo** *n* valley *mana isaa boolloo*  
*keessatti ijaare* He built his house  
 in a valley.  
**boollessuu** See *boolla'uu*  
**boolloo** See *boolla'uu*  
**bolloshee** *n* a gambling hole on  
 the ground in which children  
 throw coins and the like from an

agreed upon distance and win if  
 they get the coin in  
**boomba'aa** Same as *iyyeessa* under  
*iyyoomuu*  
**boombii** *n* 1 beetle, i.e., insect  
 with hard (blue, dark, or green)  
 wing-covers 2 bomb *ruusiyaanii*  
*fi amerikaan boombii isa lafa arraa*  
*nama fixuu danda'u qabu jechuun*  
*dhagaye*. I heard that Russia and  
 America possess bombs that can  
 wipe out the human race from  
 the surface of the earth. **boombii**  
**budaa** *n* black wasp that builds  
 its nest usu in trees; it flies fast  
 and stings, usu people **boombii**  
**faltii** *n* a beetle with wings usu  
 seen carrying cow-dung  
**boombii jabbii** Same as  
**boombii sa'aa** *n* green beetle  
 with wings that augurs well; it is  
 believed to bring wealth if it flies  
 into a room (superstition).  
**boonaa** See *boonuu*  
**boondaroo** *n* red ant/termite  
**boongaa** *n* 1 corn or maize 2 cattle  
 with big horns  
**boonoo** *adj* (usu of things) red  
*wayyaa boonoo* red clothes; see  
 also *diimaa* under *diimachuu*  
**boonsiftuu** See *boonuu*  
**boonsoo** *n* twilight, i.e., dim light  
 seen about sun set only *aduun*  
*boonsooyyuu baddeetti* Even the  
 twilight has disappeared; see  
 also *aduu boonsoo* and *aduu*  
*boossoo*  
**boontuu** See *boonuu*  
**boonuu** *iv* 1 (positive) be proud of  
 sb 2 (negative) be arrogant,

haughty usu as a result of being pampered or spoiled *namatti hin/him boonin* Don't be arrogant. **boonaa** *adj, n* (of male humans) carefree and proud *gurbaa boonaa* a carefree and proud boy; a pampered or spoiled boy **boonsiftuu** *adj, n* (usu of female humans) one who pampers **boonsisuu** *tv* 1 make sb proud *hojiin inni hojjate nu hunda boonsise* What he accomplished made all of us proud. 2 pamper to the extent of making one arrogant or conceited *qabeenyatu akkana isa boonsisa* It is wealth that makes him feel so sure of himself and arrogant. **boontuu** *adj, n* 1 (usu of female humans) proud 2 arrogant 3 deity *arka boontuu boonaa an isin hin sobne* In the name of the deity (*boontuu*) I didn't lie to you.

**bo'oo** *n* 1 furrow *bo'oo hin jal'isin* Don't make the furrow crooked, i.e., plow it straight. 2 measure of land, usu marked by furrow to show how much is to be plowed, weeded, etc. at a time *bo'oo lama duwwaa qotee sangaa hiike* He unyoked the yoke of oxen after plowing only two measures of land. *boqqolloo bo'oo tokko amman aramee fixutti aara hin galfadhu* I won't take a break until I weed one measure of corn crop. See also *qabaa* (2). 3 column, i.e., vertical division of a printed page *dikshiiinariin kun*

*abbaa bo'oo lamaati* This is a two-column dictionary.

**booqa** *n* blaze, i.e., a white spot on the face of cattle and other animals *jabbiin iseen kaleessa dhalattee booqa adda arraa qabdi* The calf that was born yesterday has a blaze on its forehead.

**booqaa**<sup>1</sup> *adj, n* a male animal with a blaze *hoolaa booqaa* a sheep with a blaze

**booqaa**<sup>2</sup> *n* a large wooden ladle or spoon

**booqaddaa** *n* a very large wooden ladle or spoon; see also *qoobaddaa*

**booqamuu** See *booquu*

**booqee** *adj, n* 1 a female animal with a blaze on the forehead 2 a very common name of a cow *Booqee elmiteettaa?* Have you milked Booqee?

**booquu** *tv* 1 anoint sb's forehead when giving blessing 2 hit on the head with a club and break the skin **booqamuu** *tv* (passive) be hit and cut (usu on the head)

**boora** *adj* (usu of animals) brown *namicha farda boora yaabbatu tokkotu si barbaada* A man on a brown horse back is looking for you.

**boora gadalaa** Same as *booree* (2)

**boorana** *n* 1 Oromos of southern Ethiopia and Kenya 2 pure Oromo *ani boorana arrabi koo gur'aacha yoon si abaare in/ni badda* I am a pure Oromo with a black mark on my tongue; if I curse you, you will be ruined. 3 noble, i.e., a man/woman of the

highest social class; cf. *gabaroo* 4  
the eldest son of Oromo

**booranticha** *n* deity, or god of  
Oromo

**boora'uu** *iv* 1 (of liquids) become  
or be cloudy, muddy, or turbid,  
i.e., become mud-colored and  
thick *yoo sa'i keessa deemte bishaan*  
*tokkichaan boora'a* If cattle walk in  
it, a stream becomes turbid at  
once. 2 (fig) (of the eyes) be  
blood-shot or be mud-colored,  
usu after drinking heavily *in/ni*  
*machaaye fakkaata iji isaa boora'eera*  
It seems that he is drunk; his  
eyes have become mud-colored.

**booressuu** *tv* cause to be muddy  
or turbid *sa'i bishaan booressite*  
The cattle have made the stream  
turbid. **booruu** *adj* (of liquids)  
cloudy, muddy, or turbid *bishaan*  
*booruu* turbid water

**boordee** Same as *bordee*

**boorechuu** Same as *booressuu*

**booree**<sup>1</sup> *n* 1. beligerance 2.  
children's game (they call it a  
game although it's a fight in fact)  
whereby they hit each other  
when they take leave of each  
other for the day

**booree**<sup>2</sup> *n* soft mead brewed  
without hops

**booree**<sup>3</sup> *n* vow, i.e., solemn  
promise to carry out/do sth  
*booree dha nan duula* It is a vow; I  
will go to the battle field and  
fight.

**booressuu** See *boora'uu*

**booroo** Same as *diinqa*

**boorrachuu** *iv* (usu used of cattle)  
gore the ground when excited,  
provoked, or simply when  
relaxing *sangaan lola barbaada*  
*fakkaata; ni borata* May be the ox  
is going to fight; he is goring/  
striking horns against the  
ground.

**boorrajii** *adj* red and white

**boorrana** Same as *boorana*

**boorta kaawuu** Same as *dirqisiisuu*

**boosa** See *boosawuu*

**boosaa** See *boosawuu*

**boosattii** Same as *boosettii*

**boosawuu** *iv* be dirty, slovenly, or  
untidy; be poor housekeeper or  
home maker **boosa** *adj* a person,  
usu female who is very poor in  
housekeeping **boosaa** *adj, n* (usu  
male humans) dirty; slovenly;  
untidy *gurbaan kun boosaa dha*  
This boy is slovenly *mana boosaa*  
*hin dhaqanu* One does not visit a  
family that does not keep itself  
or its house clean and tidy.

**boosessuu** *tv* make dirty,  
untidy, *boosettiin mana boosessiti*  
A poor housekeeper makes a  
house dirty **boosettii** *adj, n* (usu  
of female humans) dirty, poor  
housekeeper, slut/sluttish or  
untidy *boosettiin hin dhiqattu;*  
*gaafa dhiqachuu jalqabde hin dhiiftu*  
(saying) A slut does not bathe,  
but once she starts bathing she  
won't stop.

**boosaya** Same as *boosaa* under  
*boosawuu*

**boosechaa** Same as *boosaa*

**boosessuu** See *boosawuu*



**boosettii** See *boosawuu*  
**boosoo** Same as *boosa* under *boosawuu*  
**boossiftuu** See *boowuu*  
**boossisiiftuu** Same as *boossiftuu* under *boowuu*  
**boossisuu** See *boowuu*  
**boossuu** See *boowuu*  
**boowa** Same as *boyicha* (1) under *boowuu*  
**boowuu** *iv* blubber, cry, keen, sob, wail, weep, or whimper, i.e., express grief, pain, or sorrow, usu by shedding tears *mucaan koo maaliif boowe/booye?* Why did my baby cry? *gaafa du'a abbaa isee dhageesse baay'ee boosse* She wept very much when she heard the death of her father. **boossiftuu** *n* hired person(s) whose job is to induce or stimulate crying at a funeral **boossisuu** *tv* 1 make or cause to cry / weep *mucaa hin/him boossisin* Don't make the child cry. 2 tell a person the sad news of the death of his/her close relative *lamaan keessan ganama shuubii deemtanii isee boossisuu qabdu*. The two of you have to go early in the morning and tell her the bad news of the death of her relative. **boossuu** *n* one who cries often and incessantly **booyicha** *n* 1 crying *booyicha kee dhiisii nyaadhu* Stop crying and eat. 2 funeral or house of a breaved family; mourning *booyicha deeman* They have gone to a funeral. *mana sana booyichatu*

*jira fakkaata* It looks as if there is morning in that house.

**booxxa'uu** *iv* be or become dirty, filthy, grimy, or be soiled *kootiin kun booxxayeera; hin uffatin* Don't wear this coat; it is soiled and dirty. **booxxessuu** *tv* make or cause to be dirty, filthy, or grimy *mucaan kun akkamitti fuula isaa akkana booxxesse?* How did this kid make his face so grimy and dirty? **booxxoo** *adj* 1 dirty, filthy, grimy, or soiled *fuulli mucaa booxxoo dha* The child's face is grimy. 2 (usu of cattle) spotted or patched in multi-colors, usu brown, black and white *sangaa booxxoo* a multi-colored ox  
**booxxawuu** Same as *booxxa'uu*  
**booxxessuu** See *booxxa'uu*  
**booxxoo** See *booxxa'uu*  
**booya** Same as *boyicha* under *boowuu*  
**booyicha** See *boowuu*  
**booyiraa** *n* large baboon; see also *kootama*  
**booyyadii** Same as *abujadii*  
**booyyee** *adj*, *n* 1 hog, pig, swine, or sow 2 (fig) glutton, greedy, or selfish *namicha booyyee kanaa maal laadhuuf laata?* What shall I feed this glutton, i.e., greedy man?  
**boqochiisuu** See *boqotuu*  
**boqochuu** Same as *boqotuu*  
**boqojjii** Same as *diilalla* under *diilallaawuu*  
**boqonnaa** See *boqotuu*  
**boqonqa** Same as *bogongoo*  
**boqoo** 1 Same as *maddii* 2 Same as *morma* (1)

**boqota** See *boqotuu*

**boqotuu** *iv* 1 have a break, recess, repose, rest, or a break *taa'ii xinnoo boqodhuu deemi* Sit down, rest for a little while and go. 2 stay with friends or live in a place temporarily *soddaan koo awuu dhufu eessa boqota?* When my son-in-law comes where will he stay? 3 (fig) pass away, i.e., die *akaakayyuun isee kaleessa boqotan* Her grandfather died yesterday, i.e., went to his final resting place. **boqochiisuu** *tv* cause to rest; rest *farda arraa buutee booqochiifte* She dismounted from her horse to rest him. *ilmi koo ba'aa narkaa (na arkaa) fuudhee na boqochiise* My son relieved me of my load and made me rest. **boqonnaa** *n* 1 break, recess, or rest *amma hojii isa jalqabne kana findhutti (fixnutti) boqonnaa hin/him barbaammu* We won't take a break until we finish the job in hand. 2 chapter, i.e., division of a book *boqonnaa tokkoyyu osoo hin dubbisin muguu jalqabe* He started to nod off before reading even one chapter. **boqota** *n* 1 a break, recess, or rest *mana kootti maqxee, nyaata nyaattee, buna dhugdee, boqota fudhattee deemte.* She stopped off/over at my house, ate, drank coffee, rested, and left. 2 a place where usu travelers rest; resting-house; a river, a tree, etc. near or under which travelers rest *lafa boqota*

*farsoo itti gurguranu awuu geenyu boqota fudhanna* We will rest when we arrive at the station where they sell local beer.

**boqqolloo** *n* corn or maize

**boqqolloo bococoo** *n* multi-color (black and white to be exact) corn on the cob **boqqolloo**

**waraabessaa** *n* self-sown corn/maize found in the wild

**boqqoonuu** *iv* (usu applies to manner of walking) walk gracefully and also haughtily or proudly *daljessi sun in/ni boqqoona* The baboon walks gracefully and proudly.

**boquu** *n* neck *boquun koo na aqaqame* My neck is concorted or twisted. **boquu dhaan nama ilaalu** *tv* pull a long face, i.e., express facially one's annoyance, contempt, disapproval, etc. *Dasii fuudhuun barbaada jedhee itti himnaan abbaan koo boquu dhaan na ilaale* My father pulled a long face when I told him that I wanted to marry Dasii.

**bor** *adv* tomorrow *bor ganama/ galgala kottu* Come tomorrow morning/evening. *torban borii dhufi* She will come a week from tomorrow. *har'as boris iftanis isuma dubbata* He says the same thing today, (I'm almost certain) tomorrow, and the day after tomorrow.

**boraafachuu** See *boraasuu*

**boraalee** Same as *nooraa*<sup>2</sup> (1)

**boraasisuu** See *boraasuu*

**boraasuu** *tv* put a pillow or the like under one's head for support *mee kottuu mataa koo jala waa naa boraasi* Come and put something under my head, i.e., to serve me as a pillow  
**boraafachuu** *tv* 1 put a pillow and the like under one's head (for self) *arka isaa boraafate rafe* He slept with his hand under his head as a pillow. 2 sleep on a pillow *boraafatee/boraafattee rafuu jaal'ta/jaal'atti* He/She likes to sleep on a pillow. **boraatii** *n* pillow **boraatii bofaa** *n* a long, crawling creature believed to have fifty legs  
**boraatii** See *boraasuu*  
**bor'ajjaawuu** Same as *booxxa'uu*  
**bor'ajjessuu** Same as *booxxessuu*  
**bor'ajjii** Same as *booxxoo*  
**borara**<sup>1</sup> *n* imperfectly baked bread; see also *baakaa*  
**borara**<sup>2</sup> Same as *adaa*  
**borborii** *n* soil with black and red color  
**borcuu** *tv* slop, spatter, or splash liquid/mud about or over sb/sth usu intentionally *ijoolleen raaree walitti borciti* The children are spattering each other with puddle *raaree natti hin/him borcin* Don't slop puddle on me.  
**bordee** *n* thick, gruel-like local beer made without hops  
**bordoda** Same as *booruu* under *boora'uu*  
**bordoo** Same as *dhaabata*  
**bordooda** Same as *bilduu*  
**borofa** *n* reedbuck; roebuck

**boronqii** *n* chalk for writing on the black board  
**boroo** *n* 1 backyard *qoraan mana boroo jira* The firewood is in the backyard. 2 section of a room (the inside section of a house) corresponding to a backyard, i.e., section of a room adjacent to a backyard *boroo taa'e* He sat at the back of the room, i.e., back in relation to the entrance. 3 behind *na boroo teesse* She/You sat behind me. 4 north *Koriyaa isa boroo* North Korea; see also *kaaba* which is currently used  
**boroxxoo** Same as *booxxoo* under *booxxa'uu*  
**borqa** See *borqaawuu*  
**borqaawuu** *iv* (of land) be farmed repeatedly and lose its fertility or top soil **borqa** *n* land that has lost its top soil as a result of over use **borqeessuu** *tv* cause land to lose its top soil by farming it over and over  
**borqii** Same as *borqa* under *borqaawuu*  
**borqeessuu** See *borqaawuu*  
**borqii** See *borqaawuu*  
**boru** Same as *bor*  
**borumtaa** *adv* the next morning; the eve of, i.e., the day or evening preceding "tomorrow"  
**boruu** *adv* this morning *boruu ganama dhageenye* We heard it this morning.  
**borxaa** Same as *dhoqonuu* under *dhoqonaawuu*  
**borxxxawuu** *iv* (of semi-liquid substances such as dung, mud,

etc.) be gelatinous, so to speak  
**borxoxxee** *n* gelatinous  
 subsatance **borxoxxeessuu** cause  
 to be gelatinous  
**borxoxxoo** Same as *borxoxxee*  
 under *borxoxxaawuu*  
**bosbosa** Same as *tortoraa* (1)  
 under *tortoruu*  
**bosbosoo** Same as *tortoraa* (1)  
 under *tortoruu*  
**boseettii** Same as *boosettii* under  
*boosawuu*  
**boshbosh** Same as *iita* under  
*iita'uu*  
**boshee** Same as *moshee*  
**boshoga** *adj* Same as *dheedhii*  
 under *dheedhachuu*  
**bosona** *n* forest; jungle, thicket,  
 undergrowth, or woods  
**bosonoo** Same as *bosonuu*  
**bosonuu** *n* antelope, barking deer,  
 bush buck, or gazelle  
**bosoqa** *n* a kind of (tender and  
 soft) tree  
**bosoqqee** Same as *busuqqee*  
**bosortii** Same as *boosoo*  
**bossaawuu** *iv* (used of wood) be  
 or become rotten with water  
*muki kun bossaayeera* This wood  
 has become rotten because it is  
 water-logged **bossoo** *adj* (of  
 wood) rotten because it is water-  
 logged  
**bossee** (vulgar) clitoris  
**bossoo** See *bossaawuu*  
**botee** Same as *dooluu*  
**botoroo** *n* kind of tree  
**bowwaa** *n* 1 abyss, canyon, or cliff  
*sangaan bowwaa keessatti kufee*  
*du'e* The ox fell into the abyss

and died. 2 echo (the reflection  
 of sound waves from wall, big  
 tree, abyss, etc.); see also *qolloo-  
 boolloo*

**bowwaafachiisuu** See  
*bowwaafachuu*

**bowwaafachuu** *iv* (used of the  
 head) ache *mataan koo har'a*  
*baayy'e na bowwaafata* My head  
 aches a lot today.

**bowwaafachiisuu** *tv* cause to  
 have headache *buna atuu hin*  
*dhugin ooluun mataa na*  
*bowwaafachiisa* Spending the day  
 without drinking coffee causes  
 me to have headache. **bowwuu**  
*n* headache *mataa bowwuun koo*  
*na ajjeesuuf* My headache is  
 going to kill me.

**bowwoo** Same as *bowwuu* under  
*bowwaafachuu*

**bowwuu** See *bowwaa-  
 fachuu*

**boxxollee** Same as *buxxullee*

**boyinaa** *n* 1 yam-like climbing  
 plant, the white, purplish, and  
 red tuber of which is boiled and  
 eaten; the edible tuber of this  
 plant; see also *burii* 2 sweet  
 potato

**brinxii** *n* draff, dregs, or lees from  
 distilling *sangaan brinxiitti bajooje*

**bu** Same as *bo*

**bu'aa** See *bu'uu*

**bu'aa bayii** (expression) ups and  
 downs

**bubbee** See *bubbisuu*

**bubbisuu** *iv, tv* 1 (used of  
 hurricane, storm, or wind) blow  
 hard *eda gilleensi bubbisaa bule*

The wind was blowing hard last night. 2 winnow *qamadii kana an nan tumaa iseen ha bubbiftu /bubbistu* I will thresh this wheat, and she will winnow it. **bubbee** *n* cyclone, hurricane, storm, tempest, tornado, typhoon, or whirlwind *bubbeen mana arratti citaa hin ambifne* The whirlwind removed all the thatch from the roof.

**bubbuka** *n* 1 aromatic and fragrant root or plant the smoke of which women use for scenting themselves 2 swampy place

**bubbuluu** See *buluu*

**buburree** See *burraawuu*

**buc buc jechuu** *iv* 1 (usu of liquid) wobble, so to speak, in a container while in motion 2 (usu takes *garaa*) be afraid; be moved; be sympathetic towards *awuu inni rakkina isaa natti himate, garaan koo buc buc jedhe* When he told me his problems, I was moved or became very sad.

**buchii** *n* 1 dog 2 an expression said two or more times in succession when calling a dog

**buchullaa** *n* pup or puppy, i.e., young dog

**buchuma** 1 Same as *qabee*<sup>1</sup> (1) 2 drinking cup made of clay

**bucii** Same as *buqqee* (1)

**bucuca** *n* baby's feces/stool

**bucuree** Same as *bucuu*

**bucuu** Same as *bicuu*

**budaa** *adj, n* eye-biter, i.e., a person believed to have an evil eye with which he/she can harm

others by looking at him/her *mucaan koo fayyyaa dhabeera; budaatu isa nyaate fakkaata* My child is not healthy; he must have been eye-bitten.

**buddeen** Same as *buddeena*

**buddeena** *n* large, round local bread baked only on one side

**buddeenamuu** *iv* be adhered, cohered, stuck or glued together *supheenii fi gundoon walitti buddeenaman* The wet clay and the basket are stuck together. See also *fayyuu*<sup>2</sup> (1)

**budden** Same as *buddeena*

**budduqfachuu** See *budduqsuu*

**budduqsuu** *tv* bail, dip (up/out), draw, or ladle, i.e., scoop up liquid by plunging a vessel into it *bishaan uuroo keessaa budduqsii keenniif* Dip water out of the jar and give it to him.

**budduqfachuu** *tv* dip up/dip out for oneself *gola lixee uuroo keessaa bishaan budduqfatee dhugee manaa baye* He entered the kitchen, dipped water out of the jar, drank it, and left the house **budduqsaa** *n* a gourd vessel for drawing water from a jar/spring

**buddussee** *n* ladle; see also *cilfaa*

**budduuquu** Same as *munyuuquu*

**budhuq jechuu** 1 fall or drop (into liquid) with a plop or plonk, i.e., with a sound of sth dropping into liquid without a splash *dhagaan awuu bishaan keessa bu'u budhuq jedha* A stone

falls in water with a flop. 2 be very ripe/well cooked  
**bufa** Same as *eebla*  
**buffee** Same as *boffee* (2) under *boffeessuu*  
**buf jechuu** *iv* drop, fall, or strike with a thud, i.e., with a dull sound as of a blow on sth soft  
*andaqiirratti (arratti) buf jettee kufte* She fell with a thud on the mat.  
**buhaawaa** See *buhaawuu*  
**buhaawuu** *iv* (usu water) be lukewarm *bishaan kun buhaayeera malee hin dandfine* This water has become lukewarm, but it hasn't boiled yet. **buhaawaa** *adj* lukewarm or tepid *bishaan buhaawaa* lukewarm water; see also *bulluqa* (1) under *bulluquu*  
**buheessuu** *tv* warm liquid up *bishaan kana xinnoo buheessi* Warm up this water a little.  
**buhaayaa** Same as *buhaawaa* under *buhaawuu*  
**bu'ii walitti bu'uu** Same as *walitti hidhachuu* under *hidhuu*  
**bujjuuguu** *iv* eat greedily  
**bujugsiisuu** Same as *cuffachiisuu* under *cuffachuu*  
**bujugsuu** 1 Same as *cuffachuu* 2 gobble up/down *kiijjoo bujugsee ittittuu itti unatee rafe* He gobbled up the corn cake, washed it down with yoghurt and slept.  
**bujuguu** Same as *bujugsuu*  
**bukaawuu** *iv* become fermented *bukoon kun ammayyuu hin/him bukoofne* This dough has not fermented yet. **bukaayaa** *adj* (of

beer, butter, dough, etc.) fermented *farsoo bukaayaa* highly fermented beer **bukeeffachuu** *tv* 1 (usu used of dough) ferment for self by adding yeast to dough 2 knead for self **bukeessuu** *tv* 1 cause to ferment *dhadhaa kana maaliif akkana bukeessite?* Why did you let this butter ferment too much? 2 knead dough *bukoo bukeessutti jirti* She is kneading the dough. *atuu arka hin dhiqatin bukoo hin/him bukeessin* Don't knead dough before you wash your hands. 3 (fig) confuse or mix up, usu an issue *dubbii hin/him bukeessin* Don't confuse the issue. **bukoo** *n* dough *nan bade! bukoos buddeenas lafaa hin qabu* Oh my God, I have neither dough nor bread on hand.  
**bukaayaa** See *bukaawuu*  
**bukachuu** *iv* be underdone *midhaan kun in/ni bukatee bilcheessi* This food is not well done; cook it again.  
**bukanii** Same as *buukii*  
**bukeeffachuu** See *bukaawuu*  
**bukeessuu** See *bukaawuu*  
**bukkee**<sup>1</sup> *prep* beside, i.e., at or by the side of or close to *mana isaa laga bukkeetti ijaarrate* He built his house by a river side or close to a river. *na bukkee teesse* She sat beside me. *wal bukkee taa'an* They sat beside one another. *mana bukkee jira* It is by the side of the house. **bukkee bukkee deemuu** *iv* beat about the bush *waan barbaaddu natti himadhu;* *bukkee*

*bukkee hin deemin* Come straight to the point and tell me what you want; don't beat about the bush. **bukkee bukkee jechuu** Same as *bukkee bukkee deemuu* above

**bukkee**<sup>2</sup> (vulgar) *adj, n* effeminate; impotent *dhirsi isee bukkee dha jedhu* They say her husband is impotent.

**bukkee**<sup>3</sup> Same as *bareedduu* under *bareeduu*

**bukkura** *n* small, slippery stone found in water

**bukkuree** *adj* short

**bukkurii** See *bukkuruu*

**bukkuruu** *tv* sow the maiden seed, as it were. **bukkurii** *n* 1 first sown crop *midhaan bukkurii dura bilchaata; kun beekamaa dha* It is obvious that the first sown crop ripens first. 2 maize/corn that ripens fast

**bukkuudee** *n* a small bottle

**bukoo** See *bukaawuu*

**bukumsa** See *bukumsuu*

**bukumsuu** *iv* (used of baboons) bark or cry *daljeessi in/ni bukumsa* Baboons cry/bark. **bukumsa** *n* cry of a baboon

**bukuraa** *n* baby donkey

**bulaaalee** Same as *bolbaallee*

**bulbula** See *bulbuluu*

**bulbulachuu** See *bulbuluu*

**bulbuluu** *tv* 1 make mead by mixing honey with water and other ingredients *daadhii bulbulteettii* Has she prepared mead, i.e., by mixing the ingredients that are used for

making mead? 2 (used of soil or ground being plowed or sth being pierced) penetrate deep; plow to a tilth *bulbulee qote* He plowed the soil to a good tilth *eeboo dhaan bulbulee diina isaa waraane* He transfixed his enemy with a spear

**bulchaa** See *buluu*

**bulchiinsa** See *buluu*

**bulchuu** See *buluu*

**buleeysa** Same as *siicoo*

**bulfachuu** See *buluu*

**bulgaafachuu** *iv* (applies to babies) drool, puke, spit up, regurgitate, or vomit *mucaan koo waan nyaate hundumaa ni/in bulgaafate* My baby regurgitated everything he had eaten **bulgaasuu** *n* drool, vomit, or regurgitation, i.e., sput-up food from a baby's stomach

**bulgaasuu** See *bulgaafachuu*

**bulgaatii** Same as *bulgaasuu* under *bulgaafachuu*

**bulguu** *adj, n* 1 cannibal or man-eater believed to have four eyes *bulguun dhufee cal jedhi* A cannibal is coming, be quiet! (usu uttered in front of a crying child in order to induce silence through fear); bogeyman 2 (of a person) extremely selfish *namicha bulguu akkanaa argee hin/him beeku* I have never seen such a selfish man.

**bullaa**<sup>1</sup> *adj* (usu of donkey, horse, or mule) beige, light grayish / grayish brown *fardaa bullaa lama qabdi* She has two brown horses.

**bullaa**<sup>2</sup> *n* 1 finely ground flour *isa garafaa osoo hin ta'in isa bullaa fidi* Bring the finely ground flour, not the coarsely ground flour 2 false banana bread or flour; see also *hamxixii*

**bullaaallaa** Same as *gugee*  
**bullaaawuu** *iv* become finely ground, levigated, pulverized, or triturated, i.e., become crushed or pound into fine particles or powder *boqqolloon kun hin/him bulloofnee arra deebi'ii daaki* This corn is not finely ground; grind it again. *lafi bullaayeeraa sanyii qopheessaa* The soil is properly broken up into fine particles, so make the seeds ready. **bullaaayaa** *adj* 1 finely ground, levigated, pulverized, or triturated *daakuu bullaaayaa* finely ground flour 2 cash *horii bullaayaa mana hin qabu* I don't have cash in the house.

**bulleessuu** *tv* grind, levigate, or pulverize into fine particles or powder *bulleessi nyaadhu* Chew your food properly. *bulleessite daakte* She/You ground it into a fine powder. *bulleesse qote* He plowed the land to a good tilth.

**bullaaayaa** See *bullaaawuu*

**bulleessuu** See *bullaaawuu*

**bulleyuu** *tv* hit each other

**bulloo** *adj* 1 Same as *bullaa*<sup>1</sup> 2 (usu of horses or cattle) Same as *booqaa*

**bullukkoo** *n* large, heavy, home-made, cotton blanket; see also *banjaa*<sup>2</sup>

**bulluqa** See *bulluquu*

**bulluqsaa** See *bulluquu*

**bulluqsuu** See *bulluquu*

**bulluquu** *iv* (usu used of water) 1 become warm *bishaan qulluqeeraa dhanna keessan dhiqadhaa* The water is warm, so take your bath now. 2 (usu used of weather) be or become hot and humid *alli in/im bulluqa; gadi hin/im bayin* It is hot and humid outside; don't go out. *manni sun keessi natti bulluqe* I felt hot in that room.

**bulluqa** *adj, n* 1 (usu of water or weather) warm *bishaan bulluqa naa kenni* Give me warm water. 2 gruel or porridge; see also *mooqa* (2) under *mooquu* **bulluqsaa** *n* lightly roasted corn the flour of which is used for making unleavened, porridge or crispy bread **bulluqsuu** *tv* 1 warm up or heat up liquid until it becomes lukewarm or tepid *bishaan bulluqsitee arka ittiin dhiqatte* She/You heated up some water and washed her/your hands. 2 roast corn lightly *boqqolloo bulluqsitee daaktee qixxaa naa tolchite* She roasted corn lightly, ground it, and baked crispy, unleavened bread for me. 3 enliven or make exciting *sirba kana bulluqsaa* Make this dance exciting. See also *ho'isuu* (2) under *ho'uu*<sup>3</sup> 4 exaggerate, i.e., add fuel to the fire or fan the flame *mataa bowwuu dha malee umaa miti itti hin/im bulluqsin* He will be O.K.



It is only a head-ache, nothing serious, so do not fan the flame.

**bullussaa** Same as *bulluqsaa* under *bulluquu*

**bullussuu** Same as *bulluqsuu* under *bulluquu*

**bulshuu** Same as *bulchuu* under *buluu*

**bultee** See *buluu*

**bultii** See *buluu*

**bultoo** See *buluu*

**bululchuu** *iv* 1 flow calmly and slowly *Baaron iddoo tokko tokkotti in/im bululcha* The Baaroo river flows smoothly, slowly, and quietly at some points (on its course) 2 (fig) [used of group of animals] go in procession following one another *saawwan lagatti bululchutti jiru* The cattle are going to the river following one after another.

**bululuu** Same as *bululchuu*

**buluu** *iv* 1 spend or stay the night *eessa bulte?* Where did you/she stay the night? *alkan lama nu bira bule* He stayed with us two nights. *eda sirbaa bulan* They spent the night (last night) singing and dancing. *namni cabaa tuffatu agabuu bula* (saying) One who spurns a piece of bread will spend the night without eating. 2 (takes *jala*) stay a long time or live long *sa'a isaa jala jabbiin hin or him bultu* Calves from his breed of cows don't live long. *ilma koo haadhaa fi abbaa keetii buli* My son, may you live long for your parents. 3 live by or make a

living by *nuyi qonnaa dhaan bulla* We live by agriculture. See also *jiraachuu* (6) 4 be governed, swayed, or influenced by (usu) sb's opinion *yaada namaatiin bulti* She is governed by the opinions of others. 5 in combination with *akkam*, it is used to greet/salute sb in the morning or it is used to inquire about sb's well-being *akkam bulte?* Good morning to you (sing, fem or masc) *akkam bultan?* Good morning to you (pl/honorific) *akkam bulan/bule/bulte?* How did they/he/you/she spend the night? 6 in combination with *gaaritti/nagaatti* it is used in the evening when one says farewell or when one inquires about someone's well-being *gaaritti bulaa/nagaatti bulaa* Good night to you (pl or honorific). *gaaritti/nagaatti buli* Good night to you (sing, fem or masc) **bubbuluu** 1 stay/spend a few days, usu at a place of relatives, friends, etc. *obboleessa isaa bira bububbule deeme* He stayed with his brother for a few days and left. 2 (takes -tti; usu used of disease) persist, i.e., continue to exist *qufaan kun natti bubbuleera* My cough has persisted. 3 age; grow old *iseen anaafuu angafa; maal bubbulteettiim bar* She is older even than I am; you see, she has aged. **bulchaa** *n* administrator, usu of a region *bulchaan biyya kanaa eenyu?* Who is the

administrator of this region?  
**bulchiinsa** *n* administration  
**bulchuu** *tv* 1 allow or let sb stay the night in one's house *nama hin/him beekne hin/him bulchinaa* Do not let someone you don't know stay the night in your house. 2 maintain or support, i.e., provide for sb; administer *nama baay'ee bulcha; kanaaf rakkina horii qaba* He has a large family to provide for; that's why he has money problem. *biyya kana eenyutu bulcha?* Who administers this country?  
**bulfachuu** *tv* 1 save part of one's dinner or supper for future use, i.e., save the leftovers for use in the following morning *ilmi koo irbaata isaa arraa nyaatee isa hafe bulfate* My son saved the leftovers from his supper for the morning. 2 sleep on sth or think over, i.e., leave an answer, a solution to a problem (or a decision) to the next day *bulfadhuu dubbadhu* Sleep on it before you say anything. **bultee** *n* 1 leftovers *bultee koo naa kenni* Give me the food I saved from my last night's supper. 2 breakfast **bultii** *n* 1 a place for staying the night *an lafa bultii hin arganne* I have not found a place where I can stay the night. 2 marriage, i.e., the state of being married *inaaftuun kun bultii koo diiguu barbaaddi* This jealous woman wants to ruin/wreck

my marriage. *abbaa fi haadha koorra (koo arra) bultii koo naa wayya* My marriage is more important to me than my parents. 3 (usu takes numbers) night *bultii tokko, lama, sadii... nu bira bule* He stayed/ spent one, two, three... nights with us. 4 administrative region *bultii Iluu Abbaa Booraa Iluu Abbaa Booraa* administrative region <sup>1</sup>  
**bultoo** Same as *bultee* under *buluu*  
**bumbullee** *n* a kind of venereal disease (V.D/vd)  
**buna** *n* boiled coffee; coffee beans; coffee plant *har'a buna buwaa oole* He has been picking coffee (from the tree) all day today. *buna cunqoo naa kennite* She gave me thick or strong coffee.  
**bungullii** Same as *kaboochuu*  
**bungullo** Same as *kaboochuu*  
**buniitii** Same as *buniitoo*  
**buniitoo** *n* a large tick, usu found on cattle or dogs  
**buninyii** *n* red, fast riping *xaafii*  
**bununii** Same as *buniitoo*  
**bunuutii** Same as *buniitoo*  
**buphaa** Same as *anqaaquu*  
**buqaa** *adj* of a person or thing with a bad, obnoxious, or repulsive odor  
**buqataa** Same as *buiuqqataa*  
**buqqawuu** *iv* 1 be uprooted, i.e., be pulled up after being pitched, set up, or planted in the ground *boqqolloon kun akkamitti buqqa'e?* How was this corn plant uprooted? 2 be uprooted or evicted from *yoo asii buqqaane*

*eessa dhaqna?* If we are uprooted (evicted) from here, where can we go? **3** be stripped of one's position of authority *dur shaggariin bita ture; ammaaf buqqa'eera* He used to be the governor of Shaggar, but now he is stripped off of that position. **4** (used of teeth) be drawn/pulled out or fall out *ilkaan koo tokko tokkoon buqqa'e* My teeth fell out one by one. **5** (used of joints) be or become dislocated or sprained *buusaan arka kootii in/ni buqqa'e* My wrist is sprained or dislocated. **6** (used of buttons, lids, etc.) come off *qulfiin kittaa kootii in/ni buqqa'e* The button on my shirt came off. **buqqa'aa** *adj* (of joints/teeth) dislocated; sprained *arki isaa buqqa'aa dha* His wrist is dislocated (He has a dislocated writst). **buqqifachuu** *iv, tv 1* pluck/uproot sth for self *shumburaa buqqifatee nyaate* He plucked the chick-peas for himself and ate it. **2** (used of milk-tooth/baby tooth) lose *mucaan kee ilkaan buqqifatee?* Has your child lost his milk-teeth or baby teeth? **3** (usu used of cows) begin to have an enlarged/developed udder as a result of pregnancy *sa'i koo buqqifateetti* My cow is certainly pregnant (her enlarged udder is a sure sign of pregnancy). **buqqisiisuu** *tv 1* cause to uproot a family, a plant, etc. *shumburaa buqqisiisa* He is having the chick-peas

uprooted. **2** have sb dismissed from office *nutu isa buqqisiise* We were the ones who had him dismissed from his position of authority. **3** have beer/mead ready for drinking by removing the seal of the container in which it had been brewed *achuma taa'anii daadhii buqqisiisanii dhugani* They waited there, had her the mead jar opened, and drank the mead. **4** cause/have sb extract/pull one's teeth *ilkaan mucaa kootii borin buqqisiisa* I will have my child's tooth extracted /pulled tomorrow. **buqqisuu** *tv 1* extirpate/uproot, i.e., pull up with the roots or pull up what has been pitched, set up, or fixed in the ground *utubaa buqqisan* They pulled up the pillar. *ilkaan koo naa buqqise* He pulled out my tooth for me. *atara buqqisan* They uprooted the peas. **2** strip sb of authority or remove sb from a position of authority *dura taa'aa waldaa keenyaa in/ni buqqisan* They have removed the chairman of our district. **3** uproot a family; evict a tenant (from land) *abbaan lafaa ciisanyyaa isaa gaafuma barbaade lafa arraa buqqisa ture* A land lord used to evict his tenants at will. **4** take the lid off *jabanaa arraa qadaada buqqisi* Take the lid of the coffee jar. **5** open beer/mead jar or container that has been sealed when beer/mead is fermented enough and ready for sale

*daadhii yoom buqqifti/buqqisti?*  
 When is she going to start  
 serving/selling mead?  
**buqqayaa** Same as *buqqa'aa* under  
*buqqawuu*  
**buqqee 1** pumpkin *ani buqqee isa*  
*bassoon jaal'adha* I like sweet  
 pumpkin. **2** calabash or gourd;  
 see also *qabee*<sup>1</sup> **buqqee mataa n**  
 skull, the bony casing that  
 encloses the brain **buqqee see-**  
**xanaa n** black calabash which  
 some people hang usu on the  
 door from outside to prevent  
 devils from entering the house  
 (superstition)  
**buqqifachuu** See *buqqawuu*  
**buqqisiisuu** See *buqqawuu*  
**buqqisuu** See *buqqawuu*  
**buqulii** Same as *qumburii*  
**buquqa** See *buquqaawuu*  
**buquqaawuu iv 1** (of chaff broken  
 into fine pieces; dust) be covered  
 with *qamadii tumaa ooleen uffati*  
*koos rifeensi koos akkana buquqaaye*  
 Because I was winnowing wheat  
 all day, my clothes and my hair  
 are covered with dust. **2** become  
 a very old person *buquqaaye du'e*  
 He died after being very old.  
**buquqa adj, n 1** dust from chaff **2**  
 extremely old and decrepit *jaarsa*  
*buquqa* a decrepit old man  
**buqurii** Same as *qumburii*  
**buqusee** (vulgar) Same as  
*buqushaa*  
**buqushaa n** (vulgar) vagina  
**buqushee** (vulgar) Same as  
*buqushaa*  
**buraanaa n** tough, creeping grass

**buraatoo n** different kinds of food  
 eaten at a wedding  
**burcuccee n** curd; whey  
**burcuqqoo n** glass, i.e., drinking  
 vessel  
**burdii adv** of a person with  
 unusually thick lips *namichi*  
*burdiin kun maal jedhe?* What did  
 this "thick-lipped" man say?  
**buree n 1** name of a district in  
 Iluu Abbaa Booraa region (This  
 place name should not be  
 confused with Buree Daamoti  
 which is found in Gojjam) **2**  
 Same as *weensoo* **3** dress **4** kind of  
 tree  
**burii n 1** blue-grey, yam-like root  
 boiled and eaten like boiled  
 potatoes; its plant **2** testis;  
 semen; scrotum **3** Same as  
*buruurii*  
**burjaajessuu tv 1** ransack;  
 rummage, i.e., to search  
 thoroughly by turning things  
 over or by moving things about  
*mi'a hin/him burjaajessin achi hin*  
*jiruu* Do not rummage things  
 about; what you are looking for  
 is not there. **2** (usu used of cattle  
 or flock) chase or drive grazing  
 animals about, thus giving them  
 no peace to rest *gurbaan kun*  
*hoolota burjaajeessaa oole* This boy  
 has been chasing the sheep  
 around all day (children usu do  
 that the first time they are in the  
 field alone by themselves,  
 probably to prove that they are  
 good at the job).

**burjii** *n* dregs from thick beer  
called *bordee*

**burjuuja** *n* nightmare *eda burjuuja*  
*keessan bule* I had a nightmare all  
night last night.

**burkutaawuu** *iv* (used of rigid  
fragile objects) smash or shatter,  
i.e., be broken into many small,  
scattered pieces *uuroon dudda*  
*kooraa* (*koo arraa*) *kufee*  
*burkutaaye* The water jar fell off  
my back and shattered.

**burkuteessuu** *tv* smash up or  
shatter *aarii dhaan mi'a mana*  
*keessaa hunda burkuteesse* He  
went berserk and smashed up all  
the furniture in the house.

**burkuteessuu** See *burkutaawuu*

**burqaa** See *burquuu*

**burquqaa** See *burququu*

**burquqqaawuu** Same as  
*bilchaachuu* (1)

**burquqqeessuu** Same as  
*bilcheessuu* under *bilchaachuu*

**burququu** *iv* be putrid or be  
rotten *boqqolloon kun in/ni*  
*burquqee gati* This corn on the  
cob is rotten; throw it away.

**burquqaa** *adj* (usu of plants or  
corn on the cob) putrid or rotten  
*boqqolloo burquqaa* rotten corn on  
the cob

**burquu** *iv* (used of water from the  
ground/spring) flow or well  
from *bishaan kun lafa keessaa*  
*burqa* This water wells/flows  
from the ground. **burqaa** *n* 1  
spring or stream 2 source, usu of  
information **burqituu** *n* rivulet,  
i.e., a small stream

**burraa burree** See *burraawuu*  
**burraa karrayyuu jechuu** *iv* (usu  
said of a person engaged in  
fighting) resist separation *jara*  
*gargar baasuun daxxabe*; *burraa*  
*karrayyuu jedhan* I couldn't  
separate the two fighting guys;  
they bluffed or resisted  
separation

**burraaqsisuu** See *burraaquu*  
**burraaquu** *iv* 1 (usu used of  
young animals) frolic/frolick  
; gambol; jump up and down  
*cuuciin hoolaa in/ni burraaqxi* A  
lamb frolics/gambols. 2 jump  
from joy *gammachuu dhaan*  
*burraaqe* He frolicked from joy.  
**burraaqsisuu** *tv* cause to frolic  
or gambol *jabbii maaltu akkana*  
*burraaqsisu?* What is it that  
makes the calf frolick like that?  
*Jabbiin hin beektu malee kan isee*  
*burraaqsisuu aannan haadhaati*  
(saying) Although a calf doesn't  
know it, what makes her  
gambol/frolic is her mother's  
milk [ an allusion to arrogant  
persons in authority who forget  
that their glories come from a  
tax payer's pocket].

**burraawuu** *iv* (usu used of clothes  
to which soap is applied  
unevenly when washing) be  
spotted, i.e., be marked with  
smudge/stain *kittaan koo sirriitti*  
*hin/him miiccamne*; *in burraaye*  
My shirt is not washed properly;  
it is spotted. **buburree** *adj* (usu  
used with more than one animal;  
multiplicative *adj*) dappled,

multicolored, piebald, or skew bald *sangoota buburree lamatu asiin darbe* Two multicolored oxen passed this way. **burree** *adj* dappled, motley, multi-colored, piebald, or skewbald *sangaa burree* a dappled ox *qamisii burree* a motley dress **burreessuu** *tv* 1 scribble, i.e. make meaningless marks on paper; stipple *mucaan waraqata burreesse* The child scribbled on the paper. 2 apply soap to clothes unevenly while washing so that one spot becomes clean while the other spot remains dirty *kittaa koo burreesse* He washed my shirt in such a way that part of it is clean while part of it is dirty.

**burraaburree** Same as *buburree* under *burraawuu*

**burree** See *burraawuu*

**burreessuu** See *burraawuu*

**burrisa** *n* spinning or roatation of the earth; see also *maraammartoo* (1)

**burro** expression used for calling cats

**burruusa** *adj*, **1** hammer **2** (fig) strong *namicha burruusa kanaa wajjin lola barbaadda?* Do you want to fight with this strong man?

**bursii** *n* worm that destroys/ feeds upon sweet potatoes

**bursuusa** Same as *burjuuja*

**burtukaana** *n* orange

**burtukaanii** Same as *burtukaana*

**burugguddii** *n* red incense similar to myrrh; women scent

themselves with the smoke of this sweet smelling substance

**buruja** *n* horoscope or stars that are believed to determine a person's fate *buruji isaa abidda* His star is fire.

**burundoo** *n* 1. usu lean or red meat *foon isa burundoo naa kenni; isa cooma hin/him barbaadu* Give me lean meat; I don't want fat.

**burunqacha** Same as *buuqqataa*

**buruqsuu** See *buruquu*

**buruquu** *iv* (usu used of eggs, lemom, tomatoes, etc. or living things such as chicks, frogs, insects, lizards, etc) be squashed, i.e., be crushed flat *cuucii indaaqqoo koorra (koo arra) nama ejjete hin/him beeku buruqxee duute* I don't know who trampled on my chick which was squashed to death. **buruqsuu** *tv* squash, i.e., cause to break or burst open with fingers or by trampling on *raammoo quba isaatiin buruqsee ajjeese* He squashed the warm with his fingers and killed it. *atuun hin argin anqaaquu arraa ejjetee buruqse* He trampled on an egg accidentally and burst it open.

**buruurii** **1** medlar tree or its fruit **2** ball made of wood used in local, hockey-like game

**buruysuu** Same as *buruqsuu*

**busaa** *n* malaria *busaan Gaambeelatti na qabe* I got malaria in Gambela.

**busaawuu** *iv* (used of food or drinks) lose flavor or be

tasteless/insipid *nyaati kun in/ni busaaya* This food is tasteless, i.e., it is not delicious at all. **busaayaa** *adj* flavorless; tasteless; insipid *farsoo busaayaa* tasteless beer **buseessuu** *tv* 1 cause to lose flavor or taste *utaalloon afaan nama buseessa* A cold makes one lose one's flavor or taste. 2 (used of price) beat down; cheapen; under-estimate *gatii hoolaa kootii isan birri dhibba gaafadhe na duraa buseessee torbaatamaan bite* I asked him to pay one hundred for my sheep, but he beat me down from one hundred to seventy birr. 3 belittle; disparage; sneer at *dubbii koo buseesse* He sneered at my comments.

**busaayaa** See *busaawuu*

**busaayee** *n* collective noun for goats, sheep, (sometimes) calves *busaayee galchaa* Bring the goats, sheep, and the calves home (from grazing area)

**busee** Same as *busaa*

**buseessuu** See *busaawuu*

**bush** an expression of contempt or disdain, *usu* directed to one who is considered incapable of translating his/her threats into action

**bushaa** Same as **busaayaa** under *busaawuu*

**bushaawuu** Same as *busaawuu*

**bushaayee** Same as *busaayee*

**bushbushii** *n* thick beer that has not undergone proper fermentation

**busheechuu** Same as *buseessuu* under *busaawuu*

**buseessuu** Same as *buseessuu* under *busaawuu*

**bushooftuu** *n* cattle disease; see also *abbaa gorbaa*

**bushulee** *n* a variety of potato

**bushush** Same as *bush*

**busulaa** See *busuluu*

**busuluu** *iv* 1 (*usu* applies to beans, coffee berries, corn, peas, seeds and the like) shrivel, wilt, wither, i.e., dry up from loss of moisture *baalli buna kanaa in/ni busule* The leaves of this coffee tree have wilted. 2 (fig) (*usu* said of the eye) sink, i.e., to be hollowed due to the shrinking of the eyeball *iji isaa keessatti busuleera* He has sunken eyes.

**busulaa** *adj* shriveled, shrunk, wilted, withered, or sunken *buna busulaa* wilted coffee beans

**busundee** *n* 1 deer family, probably madoque, steenbok, or klipspringer; see also *kuruphee* 2 plump and beautiful female 3 red *xaafii*

**busuqqee** *adj* 1 (of meat or plants) tender, i.e., not tough *foon busuqqee* tender meat *muka busuqqee* tender plant 2 (fig) plump, i.e., fat in a pleasant-looking way *intala maddii busuqqee* a girl with plump cheeks

**busurtii** *n* convulsions, i.e., involuntary shaking of the body or part of the body, probably Parkinson's disease

**butachuu** See *butuu*

**butoo<sup>1</sup>** Same as *buttuu* (1& 2)

**butoo<sup>2</sup>** Same as *bato*

**buttaa** *n* end of eight year-cycle in the Gadaa system marked by slaughtering of bulls and display of all sorts of feats of courage by men, usu by each member of Gadaa group in power

**buttoo** Same as *tuggoo*

**buttujii** *n* a kind of tree (manilkara butugi)

**buttullee** *n* small beer bottle

**buttuu** *n* 1 falcon or hawk *buttuun cuucii indaaqqoo qabatte* A hawk snatched a chick. 2 cramp or spasm, i.e., a sudden involuntary muscular contraction *yoo buttuun na qabe malee, fiigichoo har'aatiin anatu si moowa* Unless I am seized with cramp, I will beat you at today's running race. 3 neck of the fruit of a calabash with which the string of a bow is hit when teasing or combing cotton 4 cupping glass, partially evacuated by heating, used to draw a chill that has penetrated the body; see also *koobaa* under *koobuu*

**butuchuu** See *bututuu*

**bututtuu** See *bututuu*

**bututuu** *iv* 1 (usu used of grains or solids) become crushed, ground or pounded to fine powder *bunni atuu hin/him bututin maaliif jabanaatti naqxe?* Why did you put the coffee powder in the coffee pot before it [coffee] is pounded to a fine

powder? 2 become exhausted, fatigued, tired, weary, or worn out *fardi koo in/ni butute* My horse was exhausted or worn out. **butuchuu** *tv* grind or pound (solids or grains) to a fine powder *buna kana butuchii tumi* Pound this roasted coffee (in mortar) to a fine powder. 2 cause to become exhausted or tired; wear sb out *karaa fagoo deemuun nama butucha* A long journey wears out a person. **bututtuu** *adj, n* (usu of clothes, shoes), ragged, tattered, or worn out obviously due to over use *wayyaa bututtuu uffatti* She wears ragged clothes.

**butuu** *iv* 1 snatch, i.e., grasp or seize hastily or suddenly *kookii narkaa (ana arkaa) butee fiige* He snatched a peach out of my hand and ran away. 2 move sth *barcuma kana achi buti* Move this chair there. 3 abduct or kidnap a girl with the intention of getting married to her *intala isaanii eega butee manatti glfatee booda, jaarsa erge* After kidnapping their daughter and took her to his house, he sent elders (to bring about a reconciliation between him and her parents).

**buubaa** *adj* (usu of domestic animals that become loners by choice) aloof; lonely, solitary, *sangaan buubaan kun sa'tti makamee hin dheedu* This solitary ox does not mix with the other cattle and graze.



**buuchoo** Same as *gaafa*<sup>2</sup>; see also *gaanfa*  
**buuchoo farsoo** *n* bread mixed with the other ingredients when brewing local beer  
**buuda** *n* horn on the ground, i.e., after being removed from an animal's head  
**buuddoo** Same as *awwaaroo*  
**buufaa** See *buufuu*  
**buufata** See *bu'uu*  
**buuftuu** *n* funnel, i.e., a cone-shaped object  
**buufuu** *iv* 1 fan a fire, usu with a pair of bellows *itti buufi* Fan the fire with a bellows. 2 lie, i.e., tell lies; blow one's own trumpet, praise, extol, or laud oneself to the skies *hin/him buufin* Do not blow your own trumpet. **buufaa** *adj*, *n* 1 a pair of bellows or bellows *kabajamtooti Oromo warri haaduu, gajara, qottoo faa nuuf tolachanu buufaa dhaan sibiila finiinsu* Our respectable blacksmiths who make knives, cutlasses, axes, etc, for our people forge these objects out of metal after using bellows to make the metal red-hot. **buuftuu** *adj* arrant liar; braggart *intalli isaa buuftuu dha* His daughter is a braggart and an arrant liar.  
**buugii** *n* coconut; coconut palm  
**buujalaawuu** *iv* develop/get chiggers; be chigger/jigger infested *mucaan isee buujalaa-yeera* Her child is infested with chiggers. **buujalee** *n* chiggers/jiggers **buujaloo-**

**ftuu** *adj* of a person who is chigger infested  
**buukanii** Same as *buukii*  
**buukii** *n* 1 lint, i.e., clinging bits of fiber and fluff, usu found on blankets, clothes, etc. *surreen koo inni gur'aachi buukii duwwaa ta'e* My black pants were covered with lints. 2 dust from wood destroyed by termites; see also *qinqanii* under *qinqanaawuu*  
**buukoo** *n* sponge-like fruit children use as a ball **buukumii** *n* a game children play with *buukoo* above  
**buulawuu** *iv* be very old  
**buulcawuu** *iv* have waxy eye  
**buulcaa** *adj* waxy eyed  
**buuldii** Same as *burdii*  
**buulee** *adj*, *n* an inhabitant of a lowland region; lowlander  
**buulessuu** *tv* wear sth out by frequent use  
**buulxessuu** Same as *booxessuu* under *booxa'uu*  
**buulxii** Same as *booxxoo* under *buuxxa'uu*  
**buunnoo** *n* one gadaa century  
**buuphaa** Same as *buphaa*  
**buuqii** Same as *buukii*  
**buuqqataa** *n* odious, black caterpillar with red mouth which irritates the human skin by driving its hair into it  
**bu'ura** *n* 1 foundation of a house; fundamental; basis 2 agenda  
**buusaa** See *bu'uu*  
**buusaa harkaa** See *bu'uu*  
**buushii** *n* cork  
**buusii** See *bu'uu*

**buusisuu** See *bu'uu* and also

*buwuu*

**buusuu** See *bu'uu*

**buutoo** See *bu'uu*

**bu'uu** *iv* 1 alight; land, or touch down, i.e., come down from the air *gobocoroon awuu raqa argu lafa bu'a* A vulture alights on the ground when it sees carrion. *rophilaaniin bu'eeraa?* Has the airplane touched down? 2 go down (from a higher place to a lower place) *gammoojjii bu'e* He went down to the low lands. 3 (takes *arraa*) drop, fall, or get off *narkaa (na arkaa) bu'ee cabe* It dropped from my hand and broke. *farda arraa bu'anii lafa deemu* They got off the horse and walk. *manaraa (mana arraa) bu'e* It fell from the roof. 4 (takes *arra*) get on sth; mount *farda arra buutee qajeelte* She/You mounted a horse and disappeared. *tirentaa arra bu'ee Goree deeme* He got on a truck and went to Gore. 5 suffer from/have hernia *mar'umaantu na bu'e* I am suffering from hernia. 6 (takes *itti/-tti*) touch, i.e., to cause a part of the body come in contact with so as to feel; lay a finger on *arkaan itti hin/him bu'in* Don't touch it with your hand. *eenyuu mi'a kootti bu'e?* Who touched my things? *yoo ati mucaa kootti buute sin ajjeesa* If you lay a finger on my child (i.e., if you touch him), I will kill you. 7 fall into a ditch, a hole, etc. *namichi boolla bu'e*

*miilla isaa cabse* The man fell into a pit and broke his leg. 8 stain; make dirty *dhiigatu kittaa isaatti bu'e* His shirt is stained with blood. 9 flow, usu from a spout of a kettle and the like; pour *bunni bu'eeraa?* Is the coffee poured? *bunni kun bu'uu dide; maaltu afaan jabanaa cuqqaale?* This coffee is not flowing properly; what is it that blocked the spout of the coffee pot? 10 (takes *arraa*) make a profit *sogidda kanarraa (kana arraa) humtuu naan (naa hin/him) buune* I didn't make any profit on this salt (which I had bought and then sold for a profit). 11 (takes *walitti*; usu used of cattle, goat, sheep) butt *korbeessi hoolaa walitti bu'uutti jiru* The rams are butting against each other. **bu'aa** *n* 1 profit; advantage or use *ashaboon har'aa bu'aa hin qabu* There has been no profit in today's salt business. *waan hin/him barbaachifne dubbachuun bu'aa hin qabu* There is no use (advantage) of saying sth that is unnecessary. 2 hernia *bu'aa isaan dhidhiibeefi* I treated the man who has been suffering from hernia by massaging his stomach **buufachuu** *tv* 1 pour for self *farsoo buufadhuu dhugi* Pour yourself beer and drink it. 2 take down a load off one's back, head, shoulders, etc. for self *ba'aa isaa buufatee buna dhuge* He put down his load (for self) and

drank coffee. 3 force sb/sth to drop sth *ulee arkaa buufadheen ittiin isa albaase* I made him drop the stick and beat him up with it. 4 make a profit for self *sogiddan kaleessa bitee gurgure arraa birri shanin buufadhe* From the salt I bought and resold yesterday, I made a profit of five birr. 5 lower, usu hives from a tree to take honey or rob a hive; bare *gaagura kudhan buufate* He lowered ten hives from a tree and took honey from them. *awuu jaarsaan walitti dhufu, gonfoo buufadhu* When you meet an elderly man, bare your head, i.e., take off your hat (to show respect). **buufata** *n* a station or a stopping place where one puts down one's load and ests **buusaa** *n* 1 fringe, i.e., ornamental border on cloth/dress *qamisiin isee buusaa hin qabu* There is no fringe on her dress. 2 (applies to sheaves) a group of six *xaafiin hidhaan jahaa buusaa tokko jedhama* Six sheaves of *xaafii*, for example, makes one *buusaa* (cf *duroo*) 3 bridge; see also *riqicha* 4 contribution; see also *buusii* below 5 hair shaving ritual of elderly men *rifeensa buusaa* hair shaving 6 joint **buusaa arkaa** *n* wrist **buusii** *n* money or material contribution *har'a buusiin jira; horii fidaa kottaa* There is a contribution today, so bring money with you. **buusisuu** *tv* cause to or make

contribute *birr afurtama na buusisan* They made me contribute forty birr. **buusuu** *tv* 1 pour *farsoo xoofoo tokko duwwaa naa buufte/buuste* She/You poured me only a cup of beer. *bishaan mataa kootti naa buusi* Please pour water on my hair while I'm washing it. 2 lay eggs *indaanqoon koo anqaaquu soddoma buufte/buuste* My hen laid thirty eggs. 3 drop, i.e., set down or stop a bus, a car, or truck to let sb out *autobusiin assitti na buusee darbe* The bus dropped me here and passed. 4 (usu takes *cabbii/bakakkaa*) hail *eda eega bakakkaa hedduu buusee booda cabbii buuse*. Last night it hailed after thundering a lot. 5 (of trees, plants with pods, etc.) fruit or pod up *kookiin koo barana baay'ee buuse* My peach tree has fruited well this year. *barana shumburaan hin or him buufne/buusne* This year the chick-peas have not podded up well. See also *naqachuu*<sup>2</sup> (2). 6 add or put fringe on dress or cloth *qamisii kootiif xilata buuseera* He has added a fringe to my dress. 7 contribute or chip in money or material *qarshii kudhan kudhan buufnee/buusnee raadioyoonii bitanne* We contributed ten birr each and bought a radio for ourselves. 8 smear or stain *wayyaa kootti dhoqqee buuse* He smeared my clothes with mud. 9 (usu applies to cattle; takes

*dhoqqee*) defecate *sa'i isaa asitti dhoqqee buufte/buuste* His cow defecated here. **10** lower, i.e., bring down; cause to be down *alaabaa buusaa* Lower the flag. *mucaa sireerraa (siree arraa) buusi* Help the child come down from the bed. *gaagura meeqa buuse?* How many hives did he lower? *farda arraa na buusee lafa na deemsise* He made me dismount from the horse and made me walk. **11** (usu takes *lafa*) drop, i.e., to let fall by releasing hold of *hattuun mi'a koo hate lafa buusee fiige* The thief dropped the things he stole from me and ran away. **12** demote; dismiss; remove sb from a high position *obboleessa isee iddoo isaarraa (isaa arraa) buusaniiru* They have removed her brother from his high position. **13** (takes *arra*) put sth on the back, surface, etc. of sth/sb) *mee ba'aa xinnoo kana harree keerra (kee arra) naa buusi* Please put this small load on the back of your donkey for me. **buutoo** *n* (usu negative use; usu used of beans, grains, salt, or seeds) drop, i.e., a minute quantity of solid substance *buutoo ashabooyyuu mana hin qabu* I don't have even a drop of salt in the house. **dukaa bu-uu** *iv* follow sb/sth, i.e., go or run after sb/sth *Goree deemuutti jiraa duukaa bu'i* He is going to Gore; follow him. **fuul dura bu'uu** *iv* go first; go in front *na fuul dura*

*bu'i deemi* Go in front of me (I'll follow you) **waan lafa buute** *n* Same as *buutoo*  
**bu'uura** Same as *bu'ura*  
**buuxxannaawuu** Same as *tattaafachuu* (**1**)  
**buuxxanneessuu** Same as *caa gochuu*  
**buuyalee** Same *buujalee* under *buujalaawuu*  
**buuyyuu** *n* **1** ragged/tattered clothes *awuu ijoollummaa kootii buuyyuu uffadha ture* When I was a kid, I used to wear ragged clothes. **2** (usu of donkeys') lower lip *harreen ba'aa hin daxxabdu buuyyuu gad dheeressiti* (saying) No matter how heavy a load is, a donkey does not collapse under the weight; at the worst, it only droops its lower lip [determination].  
**buwaa** See *buwuu*  
**buwachuu** See *buwuu*  
**buweessuu** *tv* warm up liquid *bishaan kana xinnoo buweessi* Warm up this water a little.  
**buwuu** *tv* **1** pick, i.e., take up sth with the fingers, usu one by one *buna kana lafaa buwi* Pick up the coffee beans one by one from the ground **2** pick, i.e., gather or harvest cotton, coffee from a tree, fruits from a tree, etc. *kaleessa buna isa diddiimate buwaa oolan* Yesterday they were picking those coffee beans that turned red (sign of ripeness) all day. **3** gather firewood *qoraan ba'aa tokko buutee birri kudhanitti*

*gurguratte* She gathered a load of firewood and sold it for ten birr.

**4** pick up bits of information with the intention of telling on sb as a tale-bearer does *waan an jedhu hunda buwee namatti hima* He picks up bits of information (i.e., everything I say) and tells tales about me. **buwaa** *n* picking, i.e., act of picking *buna buwaa deeman* They went coffee

picking. **buwachuu** *tv* pick for self *buna buwattee gurgurtee ijoolle isheetiif uffata bitte* She picked coffee for self and bought her children clothes. **buusisuu** *tv* **1** make/cause to gather firewood, harvest, pick with the fingers **2** pour *ijoollee isetiin taa'aa jettee ana daadhii buusiste/buusifte* She told her own children to sit and relax, but she made me pour mead (for her customers).

**buwaa** *n* picking, i.e., act of picking *buna buwaa deeman* They went coffee picking. **buwachuu** *tv* pick for self *buna buwattee gurgurtee ijoolle isheetiif uffata bitte* She picked coffee for self and bought her children clothes.

**buxaaluu** Same as *burraaquu*

**buxusa** Same as *xiqqoo*

**buxxee** *n* container for coffee powder

**buxxullee** *adj* (usu of a baby) plump, i.e., fat in a pleasant-looking way *mucaa buxxullee* a plump baby

**buyee** *n* horn of cattle that usu grows horizontally

**buyiitii** *n* a small earthen pot in which sth is boiled/cooked; see also *okkotee* (1)

**buyoo** *n* kind of grass; see also *marga*

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**caabbii** *n* white sorghum or millet, i.e., as white as hailstones

**caabii** *n* small, concave dish or plate made of clay

**caabitaa** *n* large, thick flannel cake, griddle cake or pancake made of corn/millet flour, cooked only on one side

**caabotuu** *tv* glean *boqqolloo caabota* He is gleaning maize.

**caaccuu** *n* **1** necklace of beads, cowries, and ivory worn by women *caaccuu hundi hin keeyatu haadha gameessaa malee* (saying) Only wise women or mothers of the wise wear a necklace of beads, ivory, and cowries **2** shell of a snail; snail **3** dress decorated with beads **4** (neologism) element of a set **5** Same as *condoroo*

**caacuu** *n* Same as *cuucii* (1)

**caafuu** *n* bush, i.e., a forest consisting of brushes, twigs or plants smaller than trees

**caa gochuu** *tv* hit, hold, or tie sth/sb hard, firmly, and securely *farda kana caa godhii muka sanatti hidhi* Tether this horse firmly to that tree. *harree isaa caa godhee*

*dhaye* He hit his donkey real hard  
*aduun caa godheera* It's hot outside in the sun.  
**caahaa** Same as *gaaddisa* under *gaaddisuu*; see also *qabbana* under *qabbanaawuu*  
**caakkaa** See *caakka'uu*  
**caakka'uu** *iv* (usu of a semi barren place) turn into a forest; covered with trees and plants **caakkaa** *n* forest; jungle, woods **caakkaa bu'uu** *iv* go to stool; go to the toilet/bathroom *namootni baayye'en osoo hin/him bari'in caakkaa bazwu* Many people go to stool before dawn or before sunrise.  
**caakkee** See *caakkisuu*  
**caakkisuu** *iv* (of monkeys and baboons) chatter and howl  
**caakkee** *n* the sound that monkeys and baboons make  
**caakkaa** *n* wild plant the leaves of which may be eaten as cabbage  
**caalaa** See *caaluu*  
**caal baasii** *n* auction (lit. selling sth to the one who pays more)  
**caalchisuu** See *caaluu*  
**caaluu** *iv, tv* be/do better than others; exceed ; be more or surpass *humna dhabe malee jagnummaa dhaan isatu caala* Although he has no strength, he excels in courage. *ojjaa dhaanis miidhaginaanis na caalti* She is taller and more beautiful than I am. *fiigichoo dhaan hunduma keenya caale* He outran all of us/He beat all of us at running.  
**caalaa** *adv, n* more *afaan inglizii*

*iseetu na caalaa beeka* She knows English more than I do. *kana caalaa maal barbaadda?* What more do you want? *iseen na caalaa miidhagadi* She is more beautiful than I am. *inni na caalaa argate* He got more (of sth) than I did.  
**caalchisuu** *tv* 1 (usu takes *wal*) favor, i.e., treat with partiality *ijoollee koo wal caalchisee hin/him beeku* I treat all my children equally, i.e., I don't favor one over the other 2 better, i.e., improve or do better than *bar dheengaddaa boqqolloo baayye'e qoteen ture; barana ammoo isa caalchiseen qota* Last year I farmed acres of land of corn; I will better it this year.  
**caama** See *caamuu*  
**caambaatee** *n* bright, sunny, and pleasant morning  
**caammaa** Same as *kophee*  
**caamsaa** *n* 1 April 2 dry, rainless season *caamsaan gale* The dry season has set in.  
**caamsituu** See *caamuu*  
**caamsuu** See *caamuu*  
**caamuu** *iv* 1 (used of rain) hold off; let up; stop *bokkaan kun yoomuma caama laata?* When will this rain ever let up? *amma boriitti ni caama jedheen abdadha* I hope it would hold off by tomorrow. *bokkaan cameera; kottaa gadi baanee taphannaa* The rain has stopped; come, let's go out and play. 2 (fig) [usu of anger] subside *aariin isaa arraa caameera* His anger has subsided. **caama**

*adj* clear, rainless weather *har'a caama* It's clear, rainless day, today. **caamsituu** *n* a person, usu a man, believed to possess the power to prevent rain from coming or to stop it after it has started raining; "weatherman" *gaafa daboo kootii akka hin roobne caamsituun bitadha* To prevent rain from coming on the day when the members of our labor association work for me, I have to hire a "weather-man". **caamsuu** *tv* prevent rain from coming or stop it after it has started to rain *caamsituutu bokkaa nu caamse* The "weatherman" stopped the rain for us.

**caancoo** *n* 1 muck or manure, usu a filthy mixture of dung and urine 2 saline tasting spring or river

**caancullee** Same as *qacacullee*

**caandoo** *n* 1 a trap for catching wild animals 2 a hut built on a tree; watch tower from where a person can see birds, baboons or monkeys that come to destroy crops

**caaqa** See *caaquu*

**caaquu** *iv* jest, joke, or trifle with *hojiirran jiraa naan hin caaqin* I'm busy; don't trifle with me. **caaqa** *n* jest, joke, or trifle ; see also *qoosaa* under *qoosuu*

**caaraa** *n* dry lowland

**caarawuu** *iv* (used of root) come out to the surface

**caariggachuu** Same as *caarigga'uu*

**caarigga'uu** *iv* (usu of bread) be baked with dough that is only half fermented **caariggeessuu** *tv* cause to be half way fermented, and therefore, sweetish to the taste; cf *dhangaggaawuu caariggii* *n* (usu of bread) sweetish because not fermented through and through

**caariggeessuu** See *caarigga'uu*

**caariggii** See *caarigga'uu*

**caaroo** *n* root; tuber

**caasaa** *n* organizational structure

**caasuu** *tv* despise, disdain, hold in contempt, look down upon, scoff at, or scorn *gorsa koo hin caasin* Don't scorn my advice. *maaf nama caasta?* Why do you despise people?

**caatii** *n* chat, i.e., a green, lush leaf which is chewed as a stimulant; [catha edulis] *caatii qaamuun arkaan dhukkuba halle ofitti fiduu dha jedhu* Some people say that chewing *catii* is inviting all sorts of diseases.

**caattoo** *n* god of hunting or hunters

**caawaa** See *caawoomuu*

**caayaa** *n* 1 Same as *caahaa* 2 a place, usu under a big tree, where people assemble and discuss issues; meeting place; association

**caba** See *cabuu*

**cabaa** See *cabuu*

**cabaloo** *n* minor festival or fertility rites, similar to *ateetee*, celebrated or observed by women only *iseen cabaloo hin/him*

*baaftu* She doesn't practice fertility rites.

**cabaluquuu** Same as *xeebu*

**cabaqaa** See *cabaquuu*

**cabaquuu** *iv* 1 (usu common with children who have started to talk) lisp; substitute one phoneme for another or omit it while talking, for instance, children say *kayeessa* instead of *kaleessa* **cabaqaa** *adj* (of male human) **cabaqxuu** (person) one who substitutes one phoneme for another or omits a phoneme while talking

**cabaqxuu** See *cabaquuu*

**cabbaawuu** *iv* be ice-cold *bunni kun ni/in cabbaaye naa hoo'isi* This coffee is too cold; heat it up for me. **cabbeessaa** *n* (neologism) refrigerator **cabbii** *n* 1 hail; hailstone, or hailstorm *eda cabbii roobe* It hailed last night. 2 (fig) many or numerous *har'a nama cabbii fayyaatu yaa'iitti baye* Many people showed up at the meeting today. 3 pebbles, usu found in streams or rivers; see also *qacacullee*

**cabbaqii** *adj* extremely rich; affluent *sooressa cabbaqii* a rich, affluent person; see also *cafii* under *cafjichuu*

**cabbeessaa** See *cabbaawuu*

**cabbii** See *cabbaawuu*

**cabduu** See *cabuu*

**cabsa** See *cabuu*

**cabsaa** See *cabuu*

**cabsachuu** See *cabuu*

**cabsii** *n* any liquid taken to wash down food, usu *caatii*

**cabsoo** *n* wrestling; see also *wal'aansoo*

**cabsuu** See *cabuu*

**cabuu** *iv* 1 be broken/fractured, i.e., become separated into pieces or fragments *uuroon koo kufee cabe* My jar fell down and broke into pieces. *kufeen arki koo cabe* I fell and broke/ fractured my arm. 2 (takes *arraa*; usu of diseases, emotion, or passion) break or subside, i.e., diminish or discontinue abruptly after being violent *busaan isaa arraa cabeera* His malaria fever is broke. *aariin isee ammayyuu arraa hin cabne* Her anger has not subsided yet. *rafittiin narraa cabeera* I have had my sleep out. 3 be ashamed, embarrassed, or be humiliated *nan cabe; akkam gurabattiin xinnoon kun wal'aansoo dhaan na mooti* I am ashamed of myself; how can this little boy beat me at wrestling? 4 be damaged; break down *sa'aatiin koo na duraa cabe* My watch is damaged (so it is not working now). *konkolaataan isaa caakkaa walakkaatti duraa cabe* His car broke down in the middle of a forest. **caba** *n* shame; see also *qaanii* under *qaana 'uu* **cabaa** *adj* 1 broken; fractured *uuroo cabaa kana maaliif bitte?* Why did you buy this broken jar? 2 (of male humans) despicable/disgraced *namicha cabaa kanatti hin eerumuu*



I won't marry this disgraced man. **cabduu** *adj* (used for the feminine or for the diminutive) *gomboo cabduu kana eessa argatte?* Where did you get this small and broken jar? **2** (usu of female humans) despicable or disgraced *niitiin cabduun kun asii maal barbaaddi?* What does this despicable woman want here? **cabsa** *n* slight, i.e., an act of marked disrespect or disparagement *niitiin kun cabsa koo barbaaddi* This woman wants to put a slight on me. **cabsaa** *n* **1** (usu applies to bread, corn on the cob, or sugar cane) piece or slice; half *qixxaa cabsaa tokko duwvaaa naa kennite* She gave me only one slice of bread. *boqqolloo cabsaa tokko duwvaaa nyaate* He ate only one broken piece of corn on the cob. **2** afternoon *kaleessa cabsaa dhufe* He came yesterday afternoon. **cabsachuu** *tv* to cut a piece of sth, cut a slice of bread for self *boqqolloo cabasa-dhu waaddadhu* Cut corn on the cob from the corn farm, roast it, and eat it. *qixxaarraa cabsatee nyaate* He cut a slice of bread and ate it. **cabsuu** *tv* **1** break or fracture *caabii cabsite* She broke the plate. *dullaa dhaan mataa isaa cabse* He broke his skull with a club. *kufee miilla isaa cabse* He fell and broke his leg. **2** cut a piece of sth; cut a slice of bread *qixxaa arraa cabsitee nyaatte* She cut a piece of bread and ate it. **3** hatch,

i.e. produce young from an egg *indaangoon koo anqaaquu digdama cabsitee shan ajeessite* My hen hatched twenty chicks and caused five eggs to addle (by not covering the five eggs properly). **4** (usu used of price) underprice, i.e., to price lower than the value *gatii sangaa kootii na duraa cabsan* They underpriced my ox. **5** (usu takes *gadi* or *arraa*) undercut, i.e., sell at a lower price than a competitor *aarii isaatii jedheen gatii oolaa kootii arraa cabsee gurgure* I reduced the price of my sheep deliberately to undercut my competitor because he made me angry. **6** (used of firewood) gather or collect *goraan ba'aa lama cabsite* She gathered (lit. broke firewood) two loads of firewood. **7** [takes *mataa*; applies to alcoholic drinks, argument, nagging] give sb a headache *dubbii dhaan mataa nan (na hin) cabsin* Don't give me headache by your endless argument, conversation, nagging, talking, etc. *dhugaatiin kun mataa na cabse* This alcoholic drink has given me a splitting headache. **8** (takes *arraa*; usu applies to a child who cries incessantly) beat up thoroughly *eega mucaan kun booyicha dhiisuu didee dhaanii arraa cabsi* Since this kid has refused to stop crying, beat him up real good. **9** (takes *nama* or any pronoun *nama* stands for) belittle, disparage, or

slight sb *gurbaan kun maaliif akkana nama cabsaa*? Why does this boy slight people like this? **10** (takes *mana* and the different forms of *galuu*) break into, i.e., enter a house by force *kaleessa hattuun mana isaa cabsitee ol galte* A burglar broke into his house yesterday. **11** break, i.e., make sth useless by damaging an essential part; cause to break down *mucaan raadiyoonii nu duraa cabse* The young child broke our radio. *beekaa konkolaataa cabsee karaa nu bulche* He deliberately made the car appear as if she were broken down and made us stay the night. **12** (*usu* applies to disease, grief, sorrow, or poverty) break sb's spirit or will; cause a person to break down physically *dhukkubatu isa cabse malee dur nama cimaa ture* He used to be a strong man; it is a disease that has broken his spirit. **caccabaa** *adj* (takes *pl noun*) broken; chipped *uuroo caccabaa shan gabaa fiddee gurgurte* She brought five chipped jars to the market and sold them. **caccabsaa** *n 1* (of corn that has been soaked in water) roughly or lightly ground, moist corn *caccabsaa lanqaxxi* She is levigating the lightly ground, moist corn. **2** bread broken into pieces and mixed with butter *caccabsaa nyaatee, buna isaa dhugee ganama shuubii manaa baye* He ate his buttered bread, drank his

coffee and left home early in the morning. **caccabsuu** *tv 1* grind soaked corn roughly *boqqolloo caccabsiti* She is grinding moist corn. **2** break into pieces; smash *mi'a mana keessaa aarii dhaan caccabsee awuu fixu sana ofi hin/ him beeku ture* When he was smashing up all the furniture, he was in berserk fury. **3** beat up sb real good *diina koo dullaa dhaanin caccabsee ajjeese* I beat up my enemy with a cudgel and killed him. **4** feel or have severe ache or pain in one's back *dudda koo na caccabsa* I am having a severe backache. **5** speak a language imperfectly *afaan Oromoo ni caccabsa* He speaks broken Oromo language **6** break, *usu* break hot bread into pieces and mix it with butter *qixxaa hoo'aatti dhadhaa dabaltee, caccabsitee na kennite* She added butter to broken, hot pieces of bread and gave it to me.

**caccabaa** See *cabuu*

**caccabsaa** See *cabuu*

**caccabsuu** See *cabuu*

**cafaqaa** See *cafaquu*

**cafaquu** *tv* grind or pound grain, spice, etc. when fresh or moist *boqqolloo ashetii cafaqxee kiijjoo tolchite* She ground fresh corn and prepared corn cake. **cafaqaa** *n 1* grain, spice, etc., ground when fresh or moist *cafaqaa boqqolloo* ground or pressed corn **2** corn flour formed into ball-like shape resembling meat ball

**cafcaffii** *n* damp, swampy, or wet place

**cafcafii** *adj* affluent; opulent; rich; wealthy; see also *cabbaqii*

**cafcafuu** *tv* (applies to clothes) wash; see also *miiccuu*

**caffee** *n* 1 tall grass that grows in swamp and the blade of which is used for making mats or for thatching a roof 2 Oromo parliament or assembly *caffee Oromiyaa* Oromiyaa Parliament

**caf gochuu** *tv* drench, soak, or wet sth/sb completely

**cafii** See *caf jechuu*

**caf jechuu** *iv* be affluent **cafii** *adj* 1 a person of fortune, opulent, rich, or wealthy; see also *cafcafii* 2 lightly dry

**cagaawa** Same as *onkololessa*

**cagachiisuu** See *cagaduu*

**cagaduu** *tv* 1 (usu applies to the act of separating grain from its shell) thresh; see also *tumuu* (2) *xaafii cagaddi* She is threshing *xaafii* 2 beat, hit, thrash **cagachiisuu** *tv* cause to thresh or to beat

**cagginaawuu** *iv* do evil or harm *maaliif akkana cagginoofti?* Why does she act in such an evil manner? **cagginoo** *n* (of a period, usu when the moon waxes or wanes) taboo when crops are not touched or when trees are not cut, etc. because of the belief that by engaging in such activities an individual will harm the crops, trees, etc. *cagginoo dhaan boqqolloo hin*

*caragin* Do not cut weeds that grow in a field of corn during this period of taboo **cagginoo goobanaa** *n* the day or period when there is full moon; it's also a period of taboo when people are not supposed to cut trees, touch crops or walk in them

**cagginoo** See *cagginaawuu*

**cagoo** *adj* worthless or useless

**cakii** Same as *caqee*

**calaasuu** See *cala'uu*

**calalaa** See *calaluu*

**calalaa** *n* ocean

**calalaa** *qaa* See *calalaaquu*

**calalaaquu** *iv* 1 glisten, glitter, or shimmer *bishaan awuu aduun itti bawuu ni/in calalaa* Water shimmers when the sun shines on it. 2 (of porridge, gravy, etc.) shimmer with much cooking oil *ittoon kun dhadhaa dhaan calalaa* This stew "shimmers" with too much butter in it. 3 (of clothes) become shiny after the nap (i.e., hair or fibers) is rubbed off *surreen isaa jilba arraa fi fagaaraa arraan calalaa* The knees and the seat of his pair of trousers shine.

**calalaa** *qaa* *adj, n* glittery, shimmery, or shiny *haroo calalaa* *qaa* a shimmery lake

**calalfachuu** See *calaluu*

**calalii** *n* ceremony or rites women perform by drinking beer; see also *ateetee* and *cabaloo*

**calalluu** Same as *ciilalluu*

**calaluu** *iv, tv* 1 (used of a liquid) settle or become clear *bishaan sa'i kaleessa booressite ammayyuu hin*

*calalle* The stream that the cattle made muddy yesterday hasn't become clear yet **2** decant, i.e., pour off without disturbing the sediment *farsoo uuroo keessaa xaarmushitti calalte* She decanted the beer in the jar into the bottle. *calalaa adj* (of liquids) clear; settled *farsoo calalaa* clear beer *calalfachuu tv 1* decant or purify for self *farsoo kana calalfadhuu dhugi* Decant this beer (into a glass) and drink it. **2** cause to settle liquid for self *farsoon kun guushii dhaa calalfadhuu dhugi* This beer has not become clear yet; wait until it settles and drink it.

*calanqaa* Same as *ciilalluu*

*calanqee<sup>1</sup>* Same as *ciilalluu*

*calanqee<sup>2</sup>* Same as *calaqqee* under *calaqqisuu*

*calaqqee* See *calaqqisuu*

*calaqqisa* See *calaqqisuu*

*calaqqisuu iv* flash; gleam; glitter;

reflect, i.e., send or give out a

sudden bright light *calaqqeen*

*in/ni calaqqisa* A lightning flashes (across the sky). *ijji adurree*

*dukkana keessa ni/in calaqqisa* A

cat's eyes gleam when it is dark.

*ofi ilaaleen ija kootti calaqqisee na*

*jaamsee oole* A mirror reflected

light in my eyes and almost

made me blind. *maali inni achii*

*calaqqisuu?* What is it that glitters

there? *calaqqee n* lightning;

flash *calaqqisa* Same as *calaqqee*

above

*cala'uu iv* (implies good riddance or a welcome disappearance) be lost; disappear; go away for good; run with sb *lammada isa arguu hin/him barbaadu; haa cala'u* I don't want to see him again; let him go for good, good riddance. *wajjin cala'an* They have run away together (used of a man and a woman not legally married) *calaasuu tv 1* discard or throw away sth useless or unwanted *gogaa ajaayaa kana gadi baasii calaasi* Take out this stinking pelt and throw it away. **2** drink sth to the last drop; see also *maddisuu*

*calcalii n* scanty water in a stream *bishaan calcalii ijaa ta'eefan dafee uuroo guuttachuu daxxabe* I couldn't fill my jar in time because the water in the stream is scanty.

*calcallee n* ornamental collar studded with small bells, put around a mule's neck when riding

*calii n* spindle, i.e., rod for spinning cotton manually

*cal jechuu iv* be/keep quiet or be silent *ijoollee nana natti hin iyyinaa; cal jedhaa* You children, don't shout or cry; be quiet. *cal jettee ol galte* She entered quietly.

*callaa* See *calleessuu*

*callaayaa* See *calleessuu*

*callabbaa* See *callabbaawuu*

*callabbaawuu iv* (usu used of beer) be watery/weak *callabbaa adj* (usu of beer) thin; weak;

watery *farsoo callabbaa kana eessaa fidde?* From where did you get this weak beer?

**callee** *n* bead, i.e., ball-shaped piece of glass or other material pierced for stringing or threading *gaafa ateetee isaanii baafatanu dubartooti callee baay'ee mormatti naqatu* When they perform their *ateetee* ritual women wear lots of beads around their necks.

**calleensa** See *callisuu*

**calleessa buluu** See *calleessuu*

**calleessuu** *tv* 1 produce; thresh and winnow until grain in its final form is produced *kaleessa shumburaa calleessine; har'a ammoo atarii calleessina* Yesterday we threshed and winnowed chick-peas; today we will thresh and winnow peas. *boqqolloo kuntaala dhibba tokko calleeffate* He produced 100 quintals of corn for self. 2 sell all or everything *barana buna keenya birri kuma dhibba tokkotti callessine* This year we sold all of our coffee for 100,000 birr. **callaa** *n* 1 grain *boqqolloo callaa malee daakuu hin qabu* I have corn grain in the house, but I don't have corn flour. 2 roast or boiled grain *har'a callaa nyaadhu malee buddeenni hin jiru* Today you have to eat roast/boiled grain; there is no bread. 3 production *callaa keenya guddifanna* We will increase our production. **callaayaa** *adj* net grain, i.e.,

without the chaff, shell, etc. *atarii callaayaa kuntaala kudhan qaba* He has ten quintals of peas, net **callaa buluu** *iv* spend the night without eating, apparently after selling everything.

**calleeysuu** Same as *calleessuu*

**callisa** See *callisuu*

**callisuu** *iv* be calm, quiet, silent, or be still; see also *cal jechuu; namni tokko tokko garmalee callisa* Some people are too quiet.

**calleensa** *n* silence

**calqaba** Same as *jalqaba* under *jalqabuu*

**calqabuu** Same as *jalqabuu*

**camachiisuu** See *camaduu*

**camadaa** See *camaduu*

**camadachuu** See *camaduu*

**camaduu** *tv* 1 (used of oxen) yoke *ganama shuubii ka'een sangaa camade* I got up early in the morning and yoked the oxen (to a plough). 2 set a retort of distillation, i.e., begin to distil *araqee camaddeettii?* Has she set the retort ready for distillation? **camachiisuu** *tv* cause to yoke *ganamaan sangaa na camachiise* He made me yoke the oxen early in the morning. **camadaa** *n* 1 measure of land as measured by a number of yoke of oxen used *camadaa meeqa qote?* How much land did he plough? 2 the act of yoking *sangaan camadaa dide* The ox refused to be yoked **camadachuu** *tv* yoke for self *sangaa camadatee qonnaa deeme* He

yoked the oxen for self and went to plough

**cambaasuu** Same as *kabaluu*

**cambaatee** *adv* bright; sunny

*ganama cambaatee* bright, sunny morning

**cambaawuu** *iv* be without any

good flavor; be tasteless *ittoon*

*kun sogidda dhabee cambaaye* This

stew is tasteless; there is no salt in it.

**camboo 1** Same as **siicoo 2** Same

as *barakaa* under *barakachuu*<sup>2</sup>

**camcamee** Same as *dammee* (2)

under *dammaawuu*

**camee caraqii** Same as *camii*

**camii** *n* flavor or taste *farsoon kun*

*camii hin qabu* This beer has no flavor.

**cam'isuu** Same as *nyaachuu*

**camnana** *n* a piece of salt bar; see

also *amoolee*

**canaa** *n* a small, arboreal wild

animal somewhat similar to a

baboon, said to be notorious for its farting spree

**cancaanfuu** Same as *dimimmisa*

under *dimimmisuu*

**cancaffuu** *n* bog; marsh;

quagmire; swamp, i.e., wet place

**cancala** See *cancaluu*

**cancaluu** *tv* (applies to horses and

mules) bit, i.e., put a bit (a piece

of metal) in a horse's or mule's

mouth in order to control the

animal, usu while riding **cancala**

*n* bit, i.e., a piece of metal held in

a mule's or horse's mouth by the

reins, the purpose of which is to

control the animal usu when riding; see also *loggomuu* (2)

**canoo** Same as *canaa*

**canqareessuu** *tv* blink or wink,

i.e., open and close the eye

rapidly and uncontrollably; see

also *liphsuu*

**caphana** Same as *irmii*

**caphee** *n* sagged breast

**caphuu** Same as *cabuu*

**capsa** Same as *cabsa* under *cabuu*

**capsaa** Same as *cabsaa* under *cabuu*

**capsachuu** Same as *cabsachuu*

under *cabuu*

**capsuu** same as *cabsuu* under *cabuu*

**caqasuu** *iv* listen, usu attentively

and carefully *mee sirba kanan*

*caqasaa cal jedhaa* Please be quiet,

let me listen to this song. See

also *dhaggeeffachuu*

**caqcaquu** Same as *qocqocuu*

**qacqcaqaa** Same as *qocqocaa*

**caqee** *n* a small hoe with a short

handle and bifurcated metal

edge used for weeding, usu

crops

**caraambii** *n* long horn/tree

**caraanfessuu** *tv* leave a tree alone

without trimming its branches

**caraanfoo** *n* a tree with many

branches

**caraanfii** Same as *caraambii*

**caraanfoo** See *caraanfessuu*

**caraansa** Same as *caraansuu* under

*caraanuu*

**caraansisuu** See *caraanuu*

**caraansuu** See *caraanuu*

**caraanuu** *iv* shout at the top of

one's voice; cry or scream, i.e.,

make prolonged, loud and shrieking sound indicative of anger, fear, or pain *mucaan kun maaliif akkana caraana laata?* Why does this baby scream so much? *caraanaan deemaa akka arraagessaa* (from Kiilolee Ethicha's song) I walk alone making a loud, harsh call like a raven **caraansisuu** *tv* cause to cry or scream *achi teessee mucaa hin caraansisin* Don't sit there and let the baby scream. **caraansuu** *n* screaming or crying *an caraansuu isaatti bareera* I am used to his screaming/crying **carabaa** Same as *caragaa* under *caraguu* **carabsiisuu** Same as *caragsiisuu* under *caraguu* **carabuu** Same as *caraguu* **caraddara** Same as *carandaa* **caragaa** See *caraguu* **caragsiisuu** See *caraguu* **caraguu** *tv* cut unwanted undergrowth in corn or sorghum crop *boqqolloo caragee fixee aaraa galfate* He finished cutting down the undergrowth in the corn crop and rested. **caragaa** *n* cutting down of unwanted undergrowth in corn or sorghum crop *boqqolloon caragaa gayeera* It is now the right time to cut the unwanted undergrowth in the corn crop. **caragsiisuu** *tv* cause to or make cut unwanted undergrowth in corn or sorghum crop *Humnuma isaatiin boqqolloo na caragasiise* He

made me cut the undergrowth in the corn crop by sheer force. **carandada** *n* (usu takes *mulluu*) boiled grain eaten on the day of the Crucifixion *mulluu carandadaa affeelti* She is boiling grain to be eaten on the day of the Crucifixion **caraq** Same as *burjuuja* **carara** *n* ray, a narrow beam of light **carawaa** Same as *carawaa* **carii** Same as *qaqallii* **carkaaka** *n* fence around crops **carkaakuu** *iv* (usu applies to male deer) mature, i.e., grow fully **caroo** *n* a long stick usu used for goading, spurring, or urging on a yoke of oxen to move forward fast **carqa** See *carquu* **carqii** *n* 1 ragged, tattered or worn out clothes 2 cloth *carqii kaakii* khaki cloth **carquu** *iv* utter the cry of a leopard *qeeransii carquutti jira* A leopard is uttering its characteristic cry **carqa** *n* the cry of a leopard *a'a carqa qeeransa dhageessaa?* Hush, do you hear the cry of a leopard? **carraa** *n* 1 chance, fortune, or luck 2 name of the 8<sup>th</sup> day of a month **carraa qabachuu** *iv* have luck *an lotorii argadhee hin/him beeku;* *carraa hin qabu* I have never won a lottery ticket; I have no luck *anis carraa hin qabu* I, too, don't have luck. **carraaqa** See *carraaquu*<sup>1</sup>

**carraaquu**<sup>1</sup> *iv* strive, try, or work hard (to make a living) *inni inuma carraaqa hin guutuuf malee* Although he has not succeeded, he has always tried his hardest. *waan ittiin carraaqxu dhabde* She has nothing (i.e., capital) with which she can start a business and work hard to make a living. **carraaqa** *n* attempt, effort, or strife, i.e., a struggle or competition to get one's livelihood *sooroma carraa fi carraaqatu fida* Wealth is the result of hard work and some luck.

**carraaquu**<sup>2</sup> *iv* (usu used of wealthy females) be arrogant or proud *haati manaa isaa in/ni carraaqxi* His wife is arrogant. **carraaqxuu** *n* (of females) 1 hard-working 2 arrogant or proud

**carraaqxuu** See *carraaquu*<sup>2</sup>

**carraawaa** *n* name of the 8<sup>th</sup> day of a month; see also *carraa* (2)

**carree** *n* porridge with a lot of butter

**carriggaa'uu** *iv* (of bread) taste sweetish because the dough used for baking is not fully fermented **cariggii** *adj* sweetish bread *ani buddeena cariggiin jaal'a* I like bread that tastes sweetish **carriggeessuu** *tv* cause to or make bread taste sweetish; see also *caarrigga'uu*

**cariggii** See *carriggaawuu*

**carriggeessuu** See *carriggaa'uu*

**cassoo** Same as *cabsoo*

**catee** *n* 1 a variety of sorghum; see also *missingaa* 2 Same as *anfaaroo* (1)

**cawoomuu** *iv* become gentle considerate, gracious, or polite after being characterized as a hoodlum *galata waaq, ilmi koo naa cawoomeera* Thanks God, my son has become gentle and well-behaved. **caawaa** *adj* of a person who is dignified and well-behaved

**cawwee** *n* sore or wound

**cayii** *n* a kind of tree

**ceceessuu** *tv* irritate; taunt

**cedhachuu** *tv* filch, usu one's partner's cash or material **cedha** *adj* of a man who takes advantage *cedha dubbata* He speaks with his own advantage in mind.

**ceega'uu** Same as *ciiga'uu*

**ceehuu** Same as *cewuu*

**ceekaa** *n* a kind of tree whose branch stalk/stem is used as a toothbrush

**ceekuu**<sup>1</sup> *n* 1 shoulder-blade 2 Same as *gateettii* (1)

**ceekuu**<sup>2</sup> *iv* express one's ideas by using a proverb *osoo haasaa isaa hin jalqabin dura ni/in ceeke* Before he went into his main topic, he used a proverb.

**ceemoo** *n* dry, coffee leaves boiled and drunk with milk, sugar, honey, etc.

**ceenceruu** Same as *cerceruu*

**ceenfii** Same as *daphoo* (2) under *daphachuu*



**ceepha'uu** *iv* show contempt by the way one looks at sb; despise, disdain, look down upon, or scorn *na ceephaate* She looked down upon me. *dhabaa hundi hin dubbisu; ijaan ceepha'ee darba* (saying) Many people don't care to greet the have nots; instead, they look down on them and pass them (in the street).

**ceephuu** *n* scorn; disdain *ceephphuu dhaan na ilaale* He looked at with disdain.

**ceerceruu** Same as *cerceruu*

**ceeredama** Same as *ceraddaama*

**ceesisuu** See *cewu*

**ceeyata** *n* sores or skin disease, commonly seen during the rainy season, on the legs of those who are barefooted/barefoot

**ceeyoo** Same as *ceeyata*

**celenqee** Same as *calaqqee* under *calaqqisuu*

**celenqisuu** Same as *calaqqisuu*

**ceraddaama** *n* a kind of flowering shrub the leaf of which is drunk with coffee for its flavor and medicinal value. It is also believed to cure a common cold.

**cercerachuu** See *cerceruu*

**cerceramuu** See *cerceruu*

**cerceree** Same as *condoroo*

**cercerree** Same as *cerceree*

**cerceruu** *tv* (used of usu green beans, chick-peas, horse beans, or peas) shell or pod using the fingers *atarii cercerti* She is podding peas. **cercerachuu** *tv* pod or shell beans, peas, etc. for self *shumburaa cercertee nyaatte*

She podded the chick-peas and ate them *Hattuun beela'e tokko baaqilaa cabsatee baaqilaa muka arraa daguugee osoo hin cercerin nyaata. eega xinnoo quufee booda, baaqilaa cerceree nyaachuu jalqaba. Itti aansee ammo, ija baaqilla arraa qeensaana gogaa kaasuu jalqaba. abbaan horii, inni dhokatee isa ilaalaa ture, akkasi jedhaan: akka duraas miti, akka boodaas miti, akka isa gidduu sii wayya* A hungry thief gets hold of a horse bean plant, strips the pods from the stalk and eats the beans along with the pod. After realizing his mistake, he removed the shell and ate the beans. Then, thinking that there must be even a better way, he started removing the skin from each bean. The owner of the farm, who had been watching him unnoticed, said to him: "It's neither the first way, nor the last. You should eat fresh horse beans the second/middle way.

**cerrii** Same as *cirri*

**cewu** *iv* cross, i.e., go across a bridge, a river, a road, a street, a valley, ec. *bishaan baay'ee ce'anii dhufan* They crossed many rivers and came. *atu bitaa fi mirga hin ilaalin karaa konkolaataa hin ceyin* Do not cross a street or highway (for vehicles) before you look first to your left and then to your right (to see if the street is clear or not)

**cexee** *n* a variety of sorghum; see also *masingaa*  
**cibiluu** *adj* extremely black; see also *gur'aacha* under *gur'aacha'uu*  
**ciccifachuu** Same as *cichuu*  
**cicciruu** See *ciruu*  
**ciccitaa** See *cituu*  
**ciccituu** See *cituu*  
**cicha** See *cichuu*<sup>2</sup>  
**cichaa**<sup>1</sup> *n* a partition (usu made of bamboo or sorghum stalks) that separates the living room from the kitchen  
**cichaa** See *cichuu*  
**cichuu** *iv, tv* 1 freeze on to sth or grasp sth/sb firmly and desperately *kittaa kootti cichee gadi dhiisuu dide* He grasped my shirt desperately and refused to let it go 2 (fig) stick to or remain too attached to a friend, a lover, etc., usu against one's wish *ani firummaa isee hin/him barbaannenture natti cichite malee* I didn't care for her friendship, but she is stuck on me. 3 have a fit, a spasm, or convulsions *in/ni cichee kufe malee hin dune* He did not die, but he fell down in a fit.  
**cicha** *n* death; see also *du'a* under *du'uu* **cichaa** *n* a second round milking (after the calf is made to suck for the second time and make milk flow from the udder)  
**cidha** *n* any kind of feast or ceremony (religious or secular) *mana sana cidhii jira* There is a ceremony in that house  
**cidhaan** Same as *cinaan*

**cidhoo** *n* a young male horse  
**cidii** *n* chaff or straw from *xaafii*  
**ciffachuu** Same as *cuffachuu*  
**cigaada** Same as *xiiqii*  
**cigaaduu** *iv* be belligerent/aggressive  
**ciibsaa** See *ciisuu*  
**ciibsuu** See *ciisuu*  
**ciicachuu** *iv* 1 guess; know; sense; have a hunch; hesitate *dubbii isaa arraan ciicadheera* I sensed it from what he said. 2 Same as *tuffachuu* (2)  
**ciicata** Same as *foonaa*  
**ciichachuu** Same as *ceepha'uu*  
**ciiciwii** Same as *cuucii* (1)  
**ciicoo** Same as *okolee*  
**ciicuu** *n* aim; target; **ciicuu bawuu** *iv* score a goal in a hockey game  
**ciifara** *n* long hair; see also *goofaree*  
**ciifsaa** Same as *ciibsaa* under **ciisuu**  
**ciifsuu** Same as *ciibsuu* under **ciisuu**  
**ciigaasisuu** See *ciiga'uu*  
**ciiga'uu** *tv* (usu used of the sight of sth obnoxious or repulsive) fill with disgust, usu to the extent of exciting nausea or loathing in; have profound aversion or repugnance to; despise *madaa kootti bu'uu ciigaate* My wound disgusted her, so she wouldn't touch it.  
**ciigaasisuu** *tv* make sb fill with disgust; cause to have aversion to *madaan isaa nama ciigaasisa* The sight of his wound would fill one with disgust **ciigoftuu** *n* one

who has aversion to sth  
obnoxious

**ciigoftuu** See *ciiga'uu*

**ciilalluu** *n* 1 snail 2 bilharzia, or  
schistosomiasis

**ciilgee** Same as *cilgee*

**ciimma** Same as *ciimmaa* under  
*ciimma'uu*

**ciima'uu** Same as *ciimma'uu*

**ciimmaa** See *ciimma'uu*

**ciimma'uu** *iv* (applies to eyes) be  
covered with or develop waxy  
secretion or sleepy dust *ni/in*  
*ciimmoftu* Her eyes are full of  
waxy secretions. **ciimmaa** *n* waxy  
secretion or rheum from the eyes  
**ciimmaa qeeransaa** *n* sth almost  
impossible to get, have, or to  
obtain *waanti ati barbaaddu hin*  
*argamu*; *ciimmaa qeeransaati* The  
kind of commodity you are  
looking for is almost impossible  
to find anywhere. **ciimmeessuu**  
*tv* cause to/make the eye to be  
full of waxy secretion or rheum  
from the eyes *Maaltu akkana*  
*mucaa koo ciimmesse?* What is it  
that makes my child's eyes so  
full of waxy secretion?

**ciimoftuu** *n* a person or animal  
on whose eyes waxy secretion is  
seen frequently

**ciimmeessuu** See *ciimma'uu*

**ciimmoftuu** See *ciimma'uu*

**ciincaa**<sup>1</sup> See *ciincawuu*

**ciincaa**<sup>2</sup> *adj* 1 virgin soil that is too  
tough to break or plow 2  
(vulgar) of a virgin girl whose  
vagina is difficult to penetrate

**ciincara** *adj* (usu of a person)  
undersized, i.e., one who  
physically looks too small for  
his/her age; stunted; see also  
*biichara*

**ciincawuu** *iv* 1 reek, smell bad, or  
stink; usu applies to bad odor  
from burning object such as hair,  
rubber, or from arm pit, goats,  
manure, etc. *korbeessi reettii ni/in*  
*ciinca'a* Male goats stink. *iddoo*  
*ciinca'aa kana hin ijaajjin* Don't  
stand here; sth smells bad in this  
place. 2 give off unpleasant odor  
or smell *waatu natti ciinca'a* I can  
smell sth unpleasant 3 (fig) be  
filled or burn with strong anger;  
be incensed *waanuma xinnootu isa*  
*aarsa*; *ha ciinca'u ana maaltu na*  
*dhibe* He loses his temper for  
minor things; let him be  
incensed, why should I care!  
**ciincaa** *n* smell or odor *ciincaa*  
*qeeransaa* the smell of a leopard  
**ciinCESSUU** *tv* 1 cause bad/good  
smell, usu by burning sth *ixaana*  
*ciinCESSi* Burn incense (so that the  
room will smell sweet/  
good). *rifeensa sana gubdee mana*  
*hin ciinCESSin* Don't stink the  
room by burning hair. 2 incense  
sb; make sb angry *niitiin kun*  
*dubbii dhaan na ciinCESSiti* This  
woman incenses me by nagging  
me. **ciincoftuu** *adj* stinking or  
smelly *saree ciincoftuu* a smelly  
dog

**ciinCESSUU** See *ciinca'uu*

**ciincoftuu** See *ciinca'uu*

**ciipsaa** Same as *ciibsaa* under *ciisuu*  
**ciipsuu** Same as *ciibsuu* under *ciisuu*  
**ciira** *adv* never; not at all *ciiruma*,  
*ani hin dhageenye* Never, I didn't  
hear it at all.  
**ciiree** *n* Same as *ciree*  
**ciirroo** *adj* (of color) grey  
**ciisaa** See *ciisuu*  
**ciisicha** See *ciisuu*  
**ciisii** Same as *olnaqii*  
**ciisuu** *iv* (used of animals or  
persons) lie/recline *dugdaan*  
*ciisee aara galfate* He lay on his  
back and rested. *akkuma*  
*ciifteen/ciisteen kurruufuutti kaate*  
You/She started to snore as soon  
as you/she lay down. **ciibsaa** *n*  
cattle camp, i.e., a place in a  
grazing area, usu a tree shade,  
where cattle like to rest **ciibsuu**  
*tv* put a child/baby to bed *afaa*  
*mee dura mucaan ciibsaa* Wait, let  
me put the child to bed first.  
**ciisaa** *adj* (of water) stagnant,  
i.e., not moving or flowing  
*bishaan kun ciisaa dha* This water  
is stagnant. **ciisicha** *n* 1 act of  
lying down *ciisicha arra atuu inni*  
*jiruun arraan baye* I arrived at his  
house while he was sleeping. 2 a  
sleeping place *lafti ciisichaa natti*  
*hin tolle* The sleeping place was  
not comfortable for me. **wajjin**  
**ciisuu** *tv* sleep with sb, usu to  
make love to *niitittiin alaleen kun*  
*abbaa manaa koo wajjin ciifte/ciiste*  
This adulterous woman slept  
with my husband!

**cilaaddama** Same as *ceraddaama*  
**cilaalluu** Same as *ciilaluu* (1)  
**cilaattessuu** *tv* make  
dirty/smudge all over as with  
dirt or soot *mucaan kun eessatti*  
*wayyaa isaa akkana cilaattesse?*  
Where did this kid make his  
clothes so dirty and sooty?  
**claattii** *n* charcoal; charcoal  
powder or smudge from  
charcoal  
**cilaattii** See *cilaattessuu*  
**cilee<sup>1</sup>** Same as *cilaattii* under  
*cilaattessuu*  
**cilee<sup>2</sup>** *n* (usu takes *bowwaa*) deep  
gorge *bowwaa cilee bu'an* They  
went or fell down into the deep  
gorge.  
**cilfaa** See *cilfuu*  
**cilfuu** *iv* scoop; ladle **cilfaa** *n*  
ladle, i.e., a large, deep round  
spoon for scooping soup, stew,  
etc.  
**cilgee** *n* skin bag for holding  
honey  
**cililluu** Same as *ciilalluu*  
**cilka** Same as *machallaa*  
**cillaafachuu** *iv* twist the body to  
one side, usu when one looks at  
sb/sth; also bend backwards  
when one is to throw sth  
*cillaafate na ilaale* He bent or  
twisted his body and looked at  
me.  
**cillaafkachuu** *iv* brace oneself, i.e.  
prepare oneself for sth  
unpleasant like beating  
**cillaanfachuu** Same as *cillaafachuu*

**cillaanqachuu** *iv* be deformed, usu by having twised limbs, head or trunk **cillaanqoo** *adj* (of a person whose limbs, usu head or trunk bend or twist to the side) bandy, crooked, or deformed; torticollar or wryneck

**cillaanqoo** See *cillaanqachuu*

**cillaaqqoo** Same as *cillaanqoo* under *cillaanqachuu*

**cillimii** *adj* pitch-dark *dukkana cillimii dha* It is pitch-dark.

**cillinfeessuu** *tv* submerge  
**cillinfoo** Same as *axxiffoo* (2) under *axxiffachuu*

**cillinfoo** See *cillinfeessuu*

**cilqii** Same as *borqa* under *borqaawuu*

**cimaa** See *cimuu*

**cimidii** Same as *camadaa* under *camaduu*

**cimiimmuu** Same as *ciniinfuu* under *ciniinfachuu*

**cimiimuu** Same as *ciniinfachuu*

**cim'isuu** *tv* put by, i.e. save money or supplies to use it at a later time *cim'isuun gumbii guuta cam'isuun gumbii hir'isa* (Saying) Lavish consumption decreases the content of a granary; saving fills it up.

**cimmaa** Same as *ciimmaa* under *ciima'uu*

**cimoo** Same as *cimaa* under *cimuu*

**cimsiisuu** See *cimuu*

**cimsuu** See *cimuu*

**cimtuu** See *cimuu*

**cimuu** *iv* 1 become strong *namni ispoortii hojjatu ni/in cima* A person who exercises becomes

strong. 2 (usu used of physical growth or riping of crops) mature *intalli isaa cimteettiwoo maaliif akka iseen sitti eerumtu hin kadhanne?* His daughter has matured now, so why don't you propose marriage to her? 3 improve or recuperate after being ill, poor, weak, etc. *dhukkubsatee ture; ammaaf cimeera* He has now recuperated his health. 4 (takes *itti*; usu used of court case or disease) become more complicated/serious; deteriorate *dhukkubi isaa itti cimeera* The condition of his health has deteriorated. *dubbiin isaa itti cime* The charge against him became serious. **cimaa** *adj* (of male animals or humans, or of things) strong or tough *dargaggeessa cimaa* a tough young man *muka cimaa* tough wood **cimsiisuu** *tv* (usu takes *itti*) cause to be more serious, tight, etc) *xabaqaatu dubbii itti cimsiise* It was the counsel who made (the judge) take a tough stand on the issue. **cimsuu** *tv* 1 (usu used of court case, charges, etc.) make more serious; cause to be firm *dubbii itti cimsaniiru* They have made the charges against him more serious than he had thought. *hidhaa sangaa cimsisiisi* Let him tie the ox firmly. 2 make a knot, etc. very firm and tight; secure *cimsii hidhi* Fasten it firmly. *cimsii qabi* Hold it firmly. 3 make strong *figichoon nama*

- cimsa* Running makes a person strong. **cimtuu** *adj* (of females) strong both physically and mentally *intala cimtuu fuudhe* He married a strong girl.
- cina** *adv* by the side of *cina koo deemi/taa'i* Walk/Sit by my side; see also *bukkee*<sup>1</sup>
- cinaa 1** Same as *cinaacha* (3) **2** Same as *dadii* (1)
- cinaacha** *n* **1** rib *cinaacha isaa cabse* He broke his rib. **2** side, i.e., one of the two halves of a person or animal on his/her/its left or right *cinnaacha tokkonin ciisee bule* I slept on one side all night. **3** half (applies to forming partnership in owning, usu livestock) *sangaa cinaacha bitate* He bought 50% of an ox, i.e., by going shares with sb.
- cinaan**<sup>1</sup> *n* **1** balls, scrotum, testicles *kun dhiira miti; cinaan hin qabu* This is not a man; he lacks balls **2** uncastrated *sangaan kun cinaan moo tumamaa dha?* Is this ox castrated or uncastrated?
- cinaan**<sup>2</sup> Same as *aalchaan*
- cinaawuu** *iv* be infested with nits, i.e., eggs of lice *mataan isaa ni/in cinaaye* His hair is infested with nits **cinii** *n* nit; eggs of chigger/jigger **cinooftuu** *adj* full of nits
- cincaa** Same as *ciincaa* under *ciincawuu*
- cincachuu** *iv* **1** suspect, have one's doubt, or have a suspicion *hattuu ta'uu isaa duraanuu cincadheera* I have already suspected him to be a thief. **2** regret, rue, or curse one's folly *sangaa koo eddiin gurguree booddeen cincadhe* I regretted after selling my ox
- cinca'uu** Same as *ciinca'uu*
- cincessuu** Same as *ciinceessuu* under *ciincawuu*
- cincira** *n* clitoris
- cincoo** *n* spider
- cinii** See *cinaawuu*
- ciniinfachuu** *iv* be in labor or be in pains during childbirth/parturition *ciniinfachutti jirti* She is in labor. **ciniinfuu** *n* birth pangs/pains; labor *ciniinfuun isee qabeera* She has started to feel birth pains. **ciniinsiftuu** *n* midwife; see also *dugda qabduu* under *dugda*
- ciniinfuu** See *ciniinfachuu*
- ciniinnaa** See *ciniinuu*
- ciniinnachuu** See *ciniinuu*
- ciniinsiftuu** See *ciniinnachuu*
- ciniinsisuu** See *ciniinuu*
- ciniinsuu** Same as *ciniinfuu* under *ciniinfachuu*
- ciniintoo** Same as *ciniinnaa* under *ciniinuu*
- ciniinuu** *tv* **1** bite *sareetu isa ciniine* A dog bit him **2** gripe, i.e., cause a sharp pain in the abdomen *waan dheedhii yoo nyaatte garaa si ciniina* If you eat uncooked food, it would gripe you/cause excruciating colic. **ciniinnaa** *n* the gripes, colic, or a pinching intestinal pain **ciniinnachuu** *tv* **1** steel oneself *amman madaa kee sii gubutti ciniinnadhu* While I cauterize your wound for you,

steel yourself to endure the pain.  
**2**, be silent [lit bite one's lips]  
*aareen ture ciniinnadheen manaa*  
*baye malee* Although I was angry,  
 I kept quiet and left the room **3**  
 (takes *hidhii*) show, by biting  
 one's lips, that one bears a  
 grudge against sb *hidhii natti*  
*ciniinnateera* He has a grudge  
 against me. **ciniinsisuu** *tv* cause  
 to or make bite *beekaa saree isaa*  
*na ciniinsise* He deliberately  
 made his dog bite me.  
**cinooftuu** See *cinaawuu*  
**cinqii** See *cinquu*  
**cinquu** *tv* create a problem,  
 tension, or worry for sb *nu hin*  
*cinqin* Don't create tension for us  
**cinqii** *n* problem; tension; worry  
*cinqii itti ta'e* It is a problem for  
 him.  
**ciqua'uu** Same as *ciqu'uu*  
**ciquawuu** Same as *ciqu'uu*  
**ciqu'uu** Same as *muruu*  
**ciquawuu** Same as *ciqu'uu*  
**ciquilchuu** *tv* **1** hit hard with the  
 elbow *laphee koo na ciquilche* He hit  
 me with the elbow **2** distort, i.e.,  
 twist out of the truth *dubbii koo*  
*na duraa ciquilchite* She distorted  
 what I actually said or meant.  
**ciquilee** *n* elbow **ciquilfchuu** *tv*  
 support the head with the palm  
 after bending the arm and  
 putting the elbow on sth *ciquilfatee*  
*achi taa'aa oole* He was sitting  
 there all day with his head on  
 his palm and his elbow on the  
 bed.  
**ciquilee** See *ciquilchuu*

**ciquilfachuu** See *ciquilchuu*  
**ciquirtii** *n* a stick that is put or  
 inserted in the bottom hole of a  
 plow beam  
**ciquqaawuu** Same as *ciqu'uu*  
**ciquqoytuu** *n* cold chisel, i.e., used  
 for cutting metal  
**ciraa**<sup>1</sup> *n* **1** tail *ciraa fardaa* horse tail  
**2** bunch of hair, usu from a  
 horse's tail, tied to one end of a  
 stick used for swatting flies; fly  
 swatter  
**ciraa**<sup>2</sup> See *ciruu*  
**ciraaroo** *n* brushwood or dry  
 twigs used as firewood  
**cirachuu** See *ciruu*  
**ciree** *n* breakfast  
**cireensa** *n* traditional physician  
**cirfaa** Same as *cilfaa*  
**ciriddaama** Same as *ceraddaama*  
**cirii** *n* rafter  
**cirinfachuu** Same as *cirriqfachuu*  
**ciriqii** *n* scanty milk obtained  
 from cows that are almost dry  
**cirma** *n* **1** unkempt hair, i.e., hair  
 that is not combed **2** cleared land  
 ready for farming; see also  
*ciramaa* under *ciruu*  
**cirqansa** Same as *carqa* under  
*carquu*  
**cirqifachuu** Same as *cirrifachuu*  
**cirqii** *adj* firm and tight *dallaa*  
*cirqii* firm and tight fence  
**cirquu** Same as *carquu*  
**cirracha** *n* sand; pebble  
**cirreessa** Same as *cireensa*  
**cirrifachuu** *iv* make gurgling  
 sound in the throat (involuntary)  
*qoonqoon koo na cirrifataa, har'a*  
*foonin nyaadha fakkaata* My throat

gurgles; may be I'm going to eat meat today (superstition)

**cirrii** *n* oxpecker [genus:

Buphagus] a bird, probably an African starling, that pecks and eats teaks from cattle's body

**cirrii arbaa** *n* a small bird that resembles toucan; see also *abbaa ilkoo*

**cirrinfachuu** Same as *cirriqfachuu*

**cirriqfachuu** *iv* 1 spit forcefully with a rolled tongue touching the upper front teeth 2 refuse to let water pass through, usu said of soil that is already so saturated that it will spit back additional water *lafti kun bishaan cirriqfateera* This soil or ground does not let any more water seep through it 3 become too oily, usu said of gravy with a lot of butter in it *ittoon kun dhadhaa cirriqfateera* This gravy has a great deal of butter in it.

**cirriquu** Same as *corrisaa* under *corrisuu*

**cirriysaa** Same as *corrisaa* under *corrisuu*

**cirsiisuu** See *ciruu*

**ciruu** *tv* 1 clear land of tall grass and other plants before cultivating it [land] *lafa kana cireen shumburaa qota* I will clear this plot of land and grow chick-peas on it 2 tear *qoraattiin wayyaa narraa cire* I tore my clothes on a thorn. 3 cut with the hand; pick *baalaa fi marga cirti* She is cutting leaves and grass. *abaaboo cirte* She picked flowers 4 (takes *rraa*)

tear one's hair with rage *aarii dhaan mataa ofi arraa cirte* She tore her hair with rage. **cicciruu** *tv* tear to shreds, repeatedly *sareen wayyaa koo narraa ciccirte* A dog tore my clothes to shreds **ciraa** *n* the act of clearing land *ciraa na gargaari* Help me in clearing land **ciramaa** *adj* (of land) cleared and ready for cultivation **cirachuu** *tv* 1 clear land for self 2 pick or cut (leaves, grass, flowers) with hand for self *abaaboo ciratte* She picked flowers for self. 3 (takes *sagalee*) hawk, i.e., clear one's throat *sagalee ciratee ilma isaa waame* He cleared his throat and called his son. **cirsiisuu** *tv* cause to clear land, tear, or pick *nama biteen lafa koo cirsiise* I hired sb to clear my land.

**cita** *n* cattle or horse disease that kills (cuts down) the animal instantly

**citaa**<sup>1</sup> *n* tall grass used for thatching

**citaa**<sup>2</sup> See *cituu*

**citichaa** See *cituu*

**citii** See *cituu*

**cittaawuu** *iv* (used of humans) be afflicted with scabies *mucaan isaa ni/in cittaaye* His child is afflicted with scabies **citteessuu** *tv* make or cause to be scabious *maaltu akkana isa citteesse?* What made him so afflicted with scabies? **cittoo** *n* human scabies *cittoo arratti fanxoo* (expression) crown it all i.e., when misfortunes come, they come in battalions



(lit. syphilis on top of scabies)  
**cittoftuu** *n* a person afflicted with too much scabies  
**cittee** Same as *citii* under *cituu*  
**citteessuu** See *cittaawuu*  
**cittoftuu** See *cittaawuu*  
**cittoo** See *cittaawuu*  
**cittuu** See *cituu*  
**cituu** *iv* 1 (used of rope, string, wire, and the like) break *funyoo kana humnaan hin arkisin ni/in citaa* Don't pull this rope too hard; it will break. 2 break with, i.e., end a friendship with *walittii cinnee jirra* We have broken with each other. *garaan na citeera* I am offended beyond reconciliation. 3 (used of cloth being woven in the loom) be ready, i.e., cut from the loom *wayyaan kee citeeraa kottuu fudhu* Your cloth is ready; come and take it. 4 (used of buttons) come off *qulfiin kittaa koottii citeera* A button has come off my shirt. **ciccitaa** *adj* (of clothes, milk, ropes, skin, etc.) torn or worn-out, curdled, broken, or covered with sores *wayyaa ciccitaa uffata* He wears worn-out clothes. *aannan ciccitaa* curdled milk **ciccittuu** *adj* extremely broken/torn/worn-out piece, and therefore, almost useless or worthless *kittaa ciccittuu kana baasi gati* Throw away this worn-out shirt. **cicittuu** *iv* 1 be broken into many useless pieces *funyoon koo ni/in ciccitte* My rope is broken into many useless pieces. 2 be

torn to shreds *kittaan koo cicciteera* My shirt has been torn to shreds. 3 curdle *aannan kun cicciteera* This milk has curdled. 4 (used of skin) be covered with sores *dhanni isaa cicciteera* His skin is covered with sores. **citaa** *adj* broken piece of *funyoon citaan maal godha?* What is the use of a broken piece of rope? **citicha** *n* island, i.e., a piece of land cut off from the main land mass and surrounded by a body of water **citii** *n* irreconcilable conflict or quarrel **cittuu** *adj* useless broken piece of *funyoo cittuu tokko naa fide* He brought me an extremely useless broken piece of rope.

**coba** See *cobuu*

**cobolee** *n* a kind of bird

**cobsuu** See *cobuu*

**cobuu** *iv* 1 drip *bokkaatu mukarraa mataa kootti cobe* The rain from the tree dripped on my head. 2 (used of liquid) drop on sth and stain it; spill *dhiigii kittaa kootti cobe* *kittaa koo na duraa ballesse* Blood stained my shirt. 3 dissolve *sogiddi yoo lafa jiidhaa kaayan ni/in coba* If put in a damp place, salt will dissolve. 4 milk, i.e., yield milk *sa'i koo hin cobxu* My cow does not milk well. *sa'i akkoo kootii baayy'e cobxi* My grandmother's cow yields a lot of milk. See also *mirgisuu* **coba** *n* drip or drippings *coba manaa/mukaa* the drippings from the roof/tree **cobsuu** *tv* 1 (used of liquids) put small quantity in

*buna kootti aannan naa cobsi* Put a drop of cream (milk) in my coffee. **2** stain; put dirty marks on *kittaa kotti aannan cobsite* She stained my shirt by dropping milk on it. *cobni dhagaa ura/hura* (saying) Constant drippings can hole a rock **coccobuu** *iv* drip, drop, or fall in drops continuously *awuu inni qaaraa nyaatu gaaf hunda dafqii fuula isaa arraa coccoba* Whenever he eats chillies, sweat drips from his face. **namatti cobuu** *tv* oppress sb

**cobxoo** Same as *copxoo*

**coccobuu** See *cobuu*

**coccophuu** Same as *coccobuu* under *cobuu*

**cocoo** *n* a ritual or ceremony performed outdoors by men who slaughter a bull and eat its meat

**cocorree** See *corree*

**cocorreesuu** cause to have multi colors

**coggaarraa** *n* stomach, i.e., the sack-like organ of digestion

**cokawuu** *tv* stab slightly or superficially

**cokkoloo** Same as *qoccoloo* under *qoccoluu*

**cokkoluu** Same as *qoccoluu*

**cokoo** *n* a spear with hooks on its metal part

**colcola** *adj* (of beer) too thin, weak, or watery *farsoo colcola* weak beer

**collee** See *colloomuu*

**colleessuu** See *colloomuu*

**collobboo** *n* ocean; see also *calalaqa*

**colloomuu** *iv* be too clever or smart *natti hin colloomin* Don't try to be too smart for me, i.e., don't try to take advantage **collee** *adj, n 1* smart, clever (in an admirable sense) *inni qottuu collee dha; barana boqqolloo gombisaa digdama galfatee* He is a clever farmer; this year he has harvested twenty granaries of corn. **2** (derogatory) too clever or smart *inni collee dha atuu hin hojjatin nyaachuu barbaada* He is clever; he wants to eat without working **3** (usu of a horse) very fast *farda collee lama qaba* He has two fast horses. **4** a priest or *qaalluu colleessuu* *tv* train, usu a horse to be fast

**cololi'uu** Same as *jooruu* (**2**)

**cololuu** *iv* be greedy; see also *bololuu* and *bajoojuu*

**commee** Same as *coomnee*

**comoxxoo** *n* a kind of plant used as cabbage

**conachuu** See *conuu*

**condaa** Same as *xaddee*

**condorroo** *n* growth or skin fold hanging from the necks of some goats or sheep *reettiin tokko tokko condorroo qabdi* Some goats have growth-like skin folds on their necks.

**conee** Same as *dansa*

**conqolaachuu** Same as *kufuu* (**1**)

**conqolaasuu** See *conqola'uu*

**conqola'uu** *iv 1* bend, usu the neck to one side **2** be killed

**congolaasuu** *tv* 1 bend the neck to one side 2 kill

**conuu** *tv* collect or gather bit by bit, usu milk before the cow is dry **conachuu** *tv* gather or collect for self

**coocoo** *n* 1 Same as *okolee* 2 farmers' November festival at which beef is eaten outdoors

**cooffisuu** *tv* ooze

**cookkee** Same as *cookkoo*

**cookkoo** *adj, adv* (usu takes the various forms of, *aasa'uu*, *ciisuu*, *deebisuu*, *dubbachuu*) 1 bizzare, eccentric, grotesque, odd, outlandish, or peculiar in one's behaviour or in what one says *dubbiin isaa cekkoo dha* What he says is odd. *namummaan isaa cekkoo tokko* He is eccentric. 2 lie down with the head downwards *cookkotti ciisa* He is lying with his head downwards, instead of at the head of a bed.

**cookuu** *adj* pampered *ilma cookuu* a pampered son (therefore, spoiled); see also *qananii*

**coollagsiisuu** See *collaguu*

**coollaguu** *iv* wither, usu applies to the drying of leaves, transplanted plants, etc. *baalli buna kanaa ni/in coollage* The leaves of this coffee tree have withered **coollagsiisuu** *tv* cause to make wither

**coolleessuu** *tv* cause to make extremely wet *iddoo kana maaltu akkasi coollesse?* What made this place so wet?

**cooma** See *coomuu*

**coommee** *n* fungus, mushroom, puffball, or toadstool

**coommoo** *n* bog, marsh or swamp

**coomsuu** See *coomuu*

**coomtuu** See *coomuu*

**coomuu** *iv* (usu used of animals) become fat or fatten up *sangaa isaa coomeera* His bull has become fat **cooma** *adj, n* (usu of animals or meat) fatty; fat *foon cooma hin jaal'adhu*, *isa diimaa naa kenni* I don't like fat; give me lean/red meat. *sangaa coomaa* a fat bull **coomsuu** *tv* fatten *korbeessa hoolaa coomsitee gurgurti* She fattens rams and sells them **coomtuu** *adj* (usu of female animals) fat *sa'a coomtuu qabdi* She has a fat cow.

**coona** See *coonuu*

**coona'uu** *iv* 1 beg for sth or ask for help indirectly, i.e., by giving sb a hint that his/her help is needed, by beating about the bush *uffata hin qabu; nama na qarqaarus hin qabu jedhee natti coona'e* By saying that he had no clothes and that he had no one to help him, he gave me a hint that I should give him clothes 2 crave, i.e., have a strong desire for food, etc. usu during pregnancy *dubartiin ulfaa tokko tokko foon coonaati* Some pregnant women crave meat. See also *kajeeluu* (1)

**cooncaa** *adj* of a person with impaired vision *namichi kun cooncaa dha sirriitti hin argu* This

man's vision is impaired; he can't see properly.  
**coonsuu** See *coonuu*  
**coonuu** *iv* (usu of human body) be dirty **coona** *n* body or skin dirt  
**coonsuu** *tv* cause body or part of the body to be dirty *dhadhaa itti dibdee rifeensa mataa isee coonsite* She made her hair dirty by applying cream to it.  
**cooquu** *iv* 1 applaud a man verbally, usu when he sings a war song *cooqaafi* Applaud him. 2 care, i.e., concern oneself about or sympathize with *namaa hin cooqxu* She does not care for/about people.  
**coora** Same as *qoosaa* under *qoosuu*  
**cooraa** *adj, n* (of a generation) younger *ijoolleen abbaa fi haadhaa cooraa dha* As a generation, all children are younger in relation to their parents; see *oboo* for further explanation  
**cooree** *n* a small stream or river  
**coruu** See *coruu*  
**copha** Same as *coba* under *cobuu*  
**cophsuu** Same as *cobsuu* under *cobuu*  
**cophuu** Same as *cobuu*  
**cophxoo** *n* gonorrhea; see also *dhukkuba dhiiraa* under *dhukkubuu*  
**coqorsa** *n* tall, lush grass that runs on the ground  
**coqqolloo**<sup>1</sup> Same as *qoccolloo*  
**coqqolloo**<sup>2</sup> *n* a log used for barring a gate or door  
**coqqoluu** Same as *qoccoluu*

**coqqolsiisuu** *tv* cause to argue with bitterley  
**coqorsa'uu** *tv* hit sb/sth with the elbow or knee  
**coraa**<sup>1</sup> See *coruu*  
**coraa**<sup>2</sup> *n* left overs, usu from what has been harvested; see also *qaarmii*  
**coraa**<sup>3</sup> Same as *cuuraa*  
**corachuu** See *coruu*  
**coramuu** See *coruu*  
**cora'uu** *tv* prune, i.e., cut off branches of a tree to improve shape or growth *muka kana arraa damee isaa cora'i* Prune this tree, cut off the unwanted branches.  
**corcorree** Same as *condorroo*  
**coree** *n* 1 mother, a term of address or endearment *maal taate coree koo?* What is the matter, my dear mother? 2 a cow which is about to become dry  
**corofachuu** *iv* forage, i.e., wander about in search of food as stray dogs do *sareen kun corofattee jiraatti* This dog lives by foraging. **corofannaa** *n* foraging, i.e., the act of searching for food *sareen koo midhaan manaa dhabee corofannaa deeme* My dog had to go out in search of food because he could not find food at home.  
**corofannaa** See *corofachuu*  
**corofee** Same as *culullee*  
**coroorruu** See *coruu*  
**cororii** Same as *areera*  
**cororsaa** See *cororsuu*  
**cororsuu** *iv* 1 (of liquid) gurgle, i.e., flow out with a bubbling sound *bokkaatu mana arraa cororsa*

The rain is running down the roof with a gurgling sound.  
*bishaan awuu xaarmushii keessaa buusanu ni/in cororsa* Water gurgles when it is poured out of a bottle. 2 add processed butter to butter milk and use it as relish  
**cororsaa** *n* processed butter usu added to butter milk

**corqaa** See *corquu*

**corqaawuu** *iv* (usu used of crops such as maize or corn) begin to show signs of ripeness *boqqolloon corqaayeera* The corn crop is almost ripe.

**corqoqqaawuu** *iv* deviate, usu from accepted standard of behavior **corqoqqee** *adj* deviant

**corqoqqee** See *corqoqqaawuu*

**corquu** *iv* (usu used of corn/maize) go/run to seed, i.e., begin to bear seed *boqqolloon koonaa corqeera* My corn has run to seed. **corqaa** *adj, n 1* (usu of crops) green or unripe *boqqolloon hin geenye; corqaa dha* The corn is not ripe enough to eat yet. 2 green chilli; see also *qaaraa*

**corraa corree** Same as *cocorree* under *corree*

**corree** *adj* (of a single animal or bird) multicolored *jabbii corree tokkootu kaleessa dhalate* A multicolored calf was born yesterday. **cocorree** *adj* (multiplicative adjective; modifies pl) multicolored *jabbilee cocorree lamatu kalessa dhalate* Two multicolored calves were born yesterday.

**correessaa** Same as *corrisaa* (2) under *corrisuu*

**corrisaa** See *corrisuu*

**corrisuu** *iv* (used of a bird, cricket, or frog) chirp; croak *corrisaan awuu arfaasaan galu corrisa* A cricket chirps when a rainy season sets in. *simbirroon tokko tokko awuu manyee ijaartu baay'ee corristi* Some birds chirp a lot when they build nests. **corrisaa** *n 1* cricket, i.e., an insect which makes a shrill noise 2 a kind of bird

**corroqaawuu** *iv* be flooded/muddy **corroqeessuu** *tv* cause to be muddy

**corrooquu** Same as *carraaquu*<sup>2</sup>

**corroqa** *adj, n 1* puddle, i.e., a small pool of dirty, mud-colored, stagnant water *corroqa sana keessa hin taphatinaa* Don't play in that puddle. See also *raaree* 2 mud-colored, dirty water *bishaanorroqa kanan fidee dhufe* I fetched this muddy water.

**coruu** *tv 1* scrape together, i.e., obtain sth with effort because it is not available in abundance. *qoraan cortee dhufte* She scraped together whatever firewood she could find and came home. 2 kid; jest; joke *ni/in corta moo dhugaa dha?* Are you kidding or serious? **coraa** *n 1* remnant, i.e., small quantity remaining *buna coraa manaa qaba* I have a small quantity of coffee on hand. 2 strippings of hides **corachuu** *tv 1* scrape up for self *haadha isee bira*

*deemtee horii corattee deebite* She went to her mother's home and scraped up some money and returned home. **2** pull through; return to the original state after losing weight for lack of proper diet, etc. *ilmi isee eega boqqolloon bilchaatee asi corate* Ever since the corn crop ripened, her son has started to look healthy and plump. **coramuu** *iv* be scraped together **cooruu** *n* (usu of water; usu used with a negative verb) drop, i.e., very small quantity *ani bishaan cooruuyyuu manaa hin qabu* I don't have even a drop of water in the house. **cororruu** *adj* (usu of coffee beans/fruit on a tree or crop) remnant or scanty, i.e., small in amount *mukti buna kanaa coroorruu bunaa qaba* There are remnants of coffee beans on this tree.

**cubbamuu** *iv* commit a sin  
**cubbisuu** *tv* cause sb sin *nan cubbisin* Don't make me sin.  
**cubbuu** *n* sin or wrong, i.e., not morally right; unjust *haadha manaa isaatti cubbuu hojjate* He wronged his wife. *sobaan namatti beekuun cubbuu dha* It is a sin to give a false witness **cubbuu baafachuu** *tv* admit, i.e., acknowledge or confess *cubbuun baafadhaa natu balleesse* I admit that it was my fault.

**cubbisuu** See *cubbamuu*

**cubbuu** See *cubbamuu*

**cuccuruffee** *n* falcon, i.e., swift bird of prey which is similar to but smaller than a hawk

**cucii simbiraa** *adv* early in the morning, i.e., when birds begin chirping *cucii simbiraa manaa baana* We will leave home early in the morning.

**cufa** *adv* **1** (takes negative verbs) not at all; never *kittaa kun cufa naa hin ta'u* This shirt does not fit me at all. *dhukkubsachuu isee an cufa hin dhageenye* I never heard that she was ill. **2** (takes the various forms of infinitives such as *baduu*, *dhabuu*, *jibbuu*) altogether, completely, entirely *dhirsi isee cufa biyyaa badeera* Her husband has completely disappeared from the country.

See also *tasa*

**cufaa** See *cufuu*

**cufaantaa** Same as *cufaa* under *cufuu*

**cufachuu** See *cufuu*

**cufamuu** See *cufuu*

**cufantaa** Same as *cufaa* under *cufuu*

**cuffachiisuu** See *cuffachuu*

**cuffachuu** *tv* bite off *daabboo arraa cuffate* He bit off a piece of bread.

**cuffachiisuu** *tv* cause to bite off *mee kookii kee arraa na cuffachiisi* Please let me bite off a piece from your peach. **cuffannaa** *n* bite, i.e., a piece cut off by biting *cuffannaa tokko fudhu* Take a bite.

**cufuma** Same as *cufa*

**cuftuu** See *cufuu*

**cufuu** *tv* 1 close or shut *maaliif guyyaa saafaa balbala cufte* Why did you/she shut the door in broad day light? 2 spoil or take away one's appetite *bunni yoo nyaata dura dhugan qoonqoo nama cufa* Coffee spoils one's appetite if drunk before meals. 3 close, i.e., declared not open for some time; close down business, etc. for good *mana barnootaa cufaniiru* They have closed the school (for vacation). *qaraxi itti baayy'annaan suuqii isaa cufee biyyaa bade* Because of the burden of taxation, he closed his business for good and fled the village. **cufaa** *n* door *cufaa baneel lixe* He opened the door and entered. **cufachuu** *tv* close/shut for self *balbala kee hin cufatin; afaan kee cufadhu* (saying) If you maintain a discrete silence, you need not close your door (because there will be no enemy, and therefore, no danger). **cufamuu** *tv* (usu passive) be closed; close/shut easily *balballi kun hin cufamu* This door does not close easily. *manni barnootaa kaleessa cufame* The school was closed yesterday. **cuftuu** *n* (neologism) parentheses, brackets, or braces **cuggee**<sup>1</sup> 1 small jar; see also *sullee* 2 a gourd with a neck used for drinking from or for drawing water 3 Same as *ro'oo* **cuggee**<sup>2</sup> Same as *guuccee* **culaanculuu** *n* growth loosely hanging on the necks of some

animals and birds; see also *condorroo*

**culcul jechuu** *iv* (used of lights) be so weak that it borders extinction *ibsaan kun culcul jetti; gaasii iseeetu dhume fakkaata* This lamp is burning down/low; it seems that the kerosene in it has run out.

**culee** *adj* red; see also *diimaa* and *diimtuu* under *diimachuu/halluu*

**cullaa** *adj* alone, solitary, usu without family, i.e., the single state/life *mana cullaa gala* He lives alone, i.e., he has no family. *mana cullaattin dhiisee dhufe* I left the house alone with no one to guard it. See also *qobaa*

**cullisuu** *tv* beguile; deceive; delude; dupe; fool; trick; see also *gowwoomsuu*

**culloo** Same as *culluxa*

**culluxa** *adv* never *tasa culluxa*

Never, never; not at all

**culluxii** Same as *culluxa*

**cululla'uu** Same as *bululchuu* (1)

**culullee** *n* hawk; see also *cuccuruffee*

**culululuqaa** See *cululuquu*

**cululuqfachuu** See *cululuquu*

**cululuqsuu** See *cululuquu*

**cululuquu** *iv* (used of complexion) become pleasantly shiny/ruddy with cream, oil, etc. or naturally *maal dibattee akkana cululuqxe?* What did she apply to her face that her complexion became so shiny and ruddy? **cululuqaa** *adj* (of male human) shiny/ruddy

**cululuqfachuu** *tv* 1 make shiny/ruddy for self *fuula kee cululuqfadhu* Apply make-up to your face so as to make it shiny and ruddy. 2 make surface of sth shiny for self **cululuqsuu** *tv* 1 (used of complexion) cause to be shiny by applying make-up, oil, etc. *intala isee dhanna dhiqxee cululuqsitee gabaatti ergite* She bathed her daughter, applied make-up to her face, and sent her to the market. 2 make the surface of sth, usu wood, smooth by a plane or sand paper *ulee isaa sofee fixee booddee baala baalantaayitiin cululuqse* After planing his stick, he sandpapered it (with a rough leaf that serves as sandpaper). **cululuqxuu** *adj* (of female human) shiny/ruddy, i.e., fat and healthy-looking face **cululuqxuu** See *cululuquu* **culuqqee** *n* new moon **culuullachuu** *iv* swing **culuullachiisuu** *tv* cause to swing; see also *cuullachuu* **cumaa** *n* 1 juice *cumaa shonkoragadaa* sugarcane juice 2 pith, i.e., the soft, sponge-like substance in the center of stems or stalks of vascular plants such as corn, sorghum, or sugarcane *cumaa offaa misingaa* the pith of sorghum stalk 3 ordure or waste material from the large intestine of a slaughtered animal **cumboo** *n* a round, thick bread used in brewing beer or liquor

**cumummaasuu** *tv* tantalize or tempt, i.e., cuase sb/sth to desire *mucaatti karamaella agarsiisee cumummaasise* He showed candies to the child and tantalized him.

**cumumma'uu** *iv* fawn, i.e., try to win sb's sympathy, favor, etc. by servile behavior, especially by whining or uttering a plaintive sound as in supplication *natti cumumma'a* He is fawning on me.

**cunqoo** *adj, n* 1 (of liquids) very thick and strong *buna cunqoo jaal'atti* She likes strong coffee 2 very thick and strong beer

**cunqurfamtuu** See *cunqursuu*

**cunqurfamuu** See *cunqursuu*

**cunqursaa** See *cunqursuu*

**cunqursituu** See *cunqursuu*

**cunqursuu** *tv* 1 (usu applies to animals) agitate, disturb or harass, i.e., break up their complacency, tranquility, or settled state by chasing them about, by rushing them through a narrow pass, etc. *maal taatanii? horiin ha dheedduu hin*

*cunqursinaa* What is the matter with you? Don't disturb the animals; let them graze in peace.

2 oppress sb *mootummaan tokko tokkoo iyyeessa cunqursa* Some regimes oppress the poor.

**cunqurfamtuu** *n* the oppressed **cunqurfamuu** *iv* be oppressed *mootummaa tokko tokkoo jalatti iyyeessi baay'ee cunqurfama* The poor are harshly oppressed by



some regimes. **cunqursaa** *n* oppression **cunqursituu** *n* mootummaan tokko tokkoo **cunqursituu dha** Some regimes are oppressors.

**cuphee** Same as *cuubee*

**cuphee** Same as *cuccuruffee*

**cuqaafamuu** See *cuqaasuu*

**cuqaasa** See *cuqaasuu*

**cuuqaasisuu** See *cuqaasuu*

**cuqaasuu** *tv* 1 churn cream, usu by shaking the churn back and forth rhythmically and with force *ro'oo cuqaasi malee hin urgufin* Churn the cream container rhythmically; don't just shake it. 2 Same as *muguu cuqaafamuu* *tv* be churned **cuuqaasa** *n* the act of churning **cuqaasisuu** *tv* cause sb to churn; see also *raasuu* (3)

**cuqcuquu** Same as *cuqaasuu* (1)

**cuqqaallaa** See *cuqqaaluu*

**cuqqaallachuu** See *cuqqaaluu*

**cuqqaalamuu** See *cuqqaaluu*

**cuqqaallii** Same as *cuqqaallaa* under *cuqqaaluu*

**cuqqaaluu** *tv* 1 cork over or stop up sth, i.e., fill/close a crack, a hole, an opening, etc. *boolla xaddee cuqqaale* He filled up a porcupine-hole. 2 ( takes *ha/haa*; usu used with personal pronouns) may your, his, her, etc. ears be stopped up; may you, he, she, they, etc. be deaf *sii haa cuqqaalu* May your (sing) ears be stopped up (said to a person who deliberately refuses to answer when called).

**cuqqaalamaa/isin haa cuqqaalu** May your (pl/honorific) ears be stopped. **cuqqaallaa** *n* cork, or anything used as a lid (e.g. a bunch of grass, leaves, etc) to stop sth up *cuqqaallaan uuroo kootii eessa jira?* Where is the lid of my jar? **cuqqaallachuu** *tv* stop one's ears; stop up for self *qubaan gurraa isaa cuqqaallatee amma danda'u iyyee* He stopped up his ears with his fingers and shouted at the top of his voice. **cuqqaalamuu** *tv* (passive) be corked

**cuquliisa** *n* blue bird, probably blue starling

**curree** *n* mouse-like, wild animal which kills chickens for food

**currisuu** Same as *xuruursuu*

**curuq gochuu** *tv* choke, strangle, or throttle, i.e., seize by the throat and choke/squeeze *diina isaa curuq godhee ajjeese* He throttled his enemy to death.

**curursuu**<sup>1</sup> *iv* (applies to stomach) gurgle, i.e., make a bubbling sound *garaan isaa maaliif akkana curursa?* Why does his stomach gurgle so much?

**curursuu**<sup>2</sup> Same as *xuruursuu*

**curuurfachuu** Same as *xuruurfachuu* under *xuruursuu*

**curuurfamuu** Same as *xuruurfamuu* under *xuruursuu*

**cuubee** *n* sword

**cuubuu** Same as *cuuphuu*

**cuucii** *adj*, *n* 1 chick, i.e., young chicken or bird; kid/lamb, i.e., young goat or sheep *cuucii*

*indaaqqoo* a chick (of a chicken);  
*cuucii hoolaa* a lamb or a baby  
sheep; *cuucii reettii* a baby goat 2  
(of animals, birds, or chickens)  
young *hoolaan kun cuucii dha hin*  
*qalamtu* This sheep is too young  
to be slaughtered  
**cuudee** *n* a small gourd cup, usu  
for children  
**cuukkawuu** *tv* smother; suffocate;  
see also *ukkaamsu cuukkaasisuu*  
*tv* cause to suffocate/smother  
**cuukkoo** *n* roasted barley the  
flour of which is mixed with  
butter, spices, etc. and eaten  
**cuullachuu** *iv* swing, i.e., from a  
seat hanging by two ropes tied  
to a tree branch above **cuulullo**  
*n* swing; see also *fudiddisoo*  
**cuullisuu** Same as *cumummaasuu*  
under *cumumma'uu*  
**cuuloo** *adj, adv* (of goat) young  
*culloo reetti bittee guddifatte* She  
bought a young goat and bred it.  
**cuultaa** *n* white of egg  
**cuulullo** See *cuullachuu*  
**cuulxaa** Same as *ciimmaa*  
**cuumfaa** Same as *cuunfaa*  
**cuumfuu** Same as *cuunfuu*  
**cuummoo** *n* a mixture of shoots of  
cabbage, buds of pumpkin plant,  
etc. boiled and eaten with bread  
**cuunfaa** See *cuunfuu*  
**cuunfuu** *tv* 1 squeeze or wring  
out liquid from *qamisii isee*  
*miiccitee cuunfite* She washed her  
dress and wrung out the water  
from it. 2 blend honey with beer  
*farsoo cuunfite* She blended

honey with beer **cuunfaa** *n* local  
beer blended with honey  
**cuupha**<sup>1</sup> See *cuuphuu*  
**cuupha**<sup>2</sup> See *cuuphata*  
**cuuphachiisuu** See *cuuphuu*  
**cuuphachuu** See *cuuphuu*  
**cuuphamuu** See *cuuphuu*  
**cuuphata** *n* chicken gravy, sauce,  
or stew with a lot of butter in it  
*edana irbaataaf cuuphatan barbaada*  
I want chicken stew for dinner  
tonight. **cuupha** *n* chicken broth  
*indaaqqoo cuuphata quufuu*  
(saying) The essence of a chicken  
is its broth (because the meat  
may not be enough to go round,  
anyway)  
**cuuphee** *n* dagger, i.e., relatively  
small, two-edged knife, usu  
used as a weapon  
**cuuphuu** *tv* 1 dip/sop, i.e., plunge  
sth briefly into a liquid; dunk  
*bishaan hoo'uu fi qabbanaawuu isaa*  
*quba cuuphee ilaale* He dipped his  
finger into the water to see if the  
water was hot or cold. *kirrii*  
*gagaa cuuphxee ibsaa tolchite* She  
dipped a string into hot wax and  
made a candle. *daabboo isaa*  
*shaayee cuuphee nyaate* He  
dunked his bread in his tea and  
ate it. 2 plate, i.e., coat/cover  
cheap metal, usu with gold  
*amartii koo warqee naa cuuphe* He  
coated my (copper) ring with  
gold. **cuupha** *adj* plated *amartiin*  
*kun cuupha warqeeti malee warqee*  
*miti* This ring is gold-plated; it is  
not genuine/real gold.

**cuuphamuu** *iv* be baptized  
*cuuphamteeti* She is baptized.

**cuuqa'uu** Same as *albaasuu* (2)  
under *alba'uu*

**cuuraa** See *cuurachuu*

**cuurachuu** *iv* (usu of pumpkin  
plant) bud, i.e., develop bud  
*buqdeen cuurachuu jalqabeera* The  
pumpkin has begun to bud  
**cuuraa** *n* pumpkin bud; young  
pumpkin

**cuuroo** *n* crack or opening *cararri*  
*cuuroo balbalaatiin ol seente* The  
rays of the sun entered the house  
through the crack in the door.

**cuuruu** Same as *cuurachuu*

## ch/CH

**chaa** Same as *chee* (1)

**chaappaa** *n* 1 iron rod used for  
branding cattle 2 seal, i.e., an  
official mark of an organization  
or government

**charchaarii** See *charchaaruu*

**charchaaruu** *tv* retail, i.e., buy  
and sell things, usu small items,  
for profit **charchaarii** *n* a retail  
business person *inni charchaarii*  
*dha moo qonnaan bulaa dha?* Is he  
a retailer or a farmer? See also  
*shirshaaroo*

**chee** an expression 1 for making a  
donkey go forward faster 2 for  
making a horse go forward  
faster

**cheechee baachuu** carry a very  
young child on the back *ilma isee*

*cheechee baattee haadha isee*  
*dubbisuu deemte* She carried her  
young son on her back and went  
to visit her mother.

**cheeyi** Same as *chee*

**chifee** *n* exzema

**chii** an expression for chasing  
away chickens

**chiis** Suffixed to verbs that end in  
*duu/tuu*, it is used to change the  
verb to causative. Example:

(*gammaduu*) *gammachiis* cause  
to be happy N.B. The vowel that  
precedes *duu/tuu* is always short

**chikaala** *n* picket, i.e., a pointed  
stake set upright in the ground  
to support a fence, secure a tent,  
or to tether an animal to

**chir-r-i** an expression for chasing  
away birds from crops

**chis** Suffixed to some verbs, it is  
used for change the verb into  
causative. Example: *waaduu -*  
*waachis* cause to fry N.B. The  
verb that precedes *duu/tuu* is  
always long

**chuu** an expression for chasing  
away cattle or for making them  
go faster

**chuu jechuu** *iv* (applies to dogs,  
domestic animals, or people)  
goad, urge, or encourage to  
attack, fight, or quarrel; set a dog  
on a person *akkuma na argeen*  
*saree isaatiin chuu jedhe* As soon  
as he saw me, he set his dog on  
me. See also *naquu* (3)

d/D

**daabanaa** See *daabanaawuu*  
**daabanaawuu** *iv* (usu applies to utensils made of clay) be cracked or chipped **daabanaa** *n* crack, fissure, or split, usu on a surface *daabanaa uuroo kanaa duuchuu ni/in dandeessaa?* Can you fill the crack in this jar?  
**daabboo** *n* 1 large, round, thick bread 2 European bread  
**daabbucee** *n* vertical threads or strings (in the hand loom) pulled down and released with the feet  
**daabbusee** *n* small, hot and pungent pepper or chile, chili, chilli, or chilly  
**daabee** *n* women's or children's hair style in which the hair, after being plaited in ringlets, is let to flow down the neck, the front, and the sides  
**daabii** *n* 1 red *xaafii*; see *xaafii* (1) 2 Same as *daabee*  
**da'achuu** *iv* conceal oneself; hide oneself, usu behind sb/sth *mukaan da'atee na rukute* He hid himself behind a tree and hit me.  
**da'oo** *n* 1 hidden place *mi'a kana lafa da'oo kaayi* Put this thing in a place where nobody can see it. 2 trench See also *dhokachuu*  
**daachee** *n* god of hunting or hunters  
**daacii** *n* a ceremony at which a man slaughters an animal in commemoration of his deceased

father and feeds the meat of the animal to any person who shows up by chance (for this ceremony, extending invitation is a taboo)  
*daacii abbaa kootii borin baasa* I will commemorate the death of my father tomorrow.  
**daaddee** Same as *daadee*  
**daaddisuu** *iv* toddle *mucaan koo alii al daaddisa malee gara caaluu ni/in daa'ima* My baby toddles once in a while, but most of the time he crawls.  
**daaddoo** *n* red soil used as hair cream by some nilotic tribe  
**daadoo dibuu** (fig) Same as *falaxuu* (2)  
**daadee** *n* wisdom tooth (In Oromo culture, it is believed to erupt after one has reached a doddering age although it usu comes through after 20 years of age) *daadee biqilchee du'e* He died after cutting his wisdom tooth, i.e., after becoming very old  
**daadhii** *n* mead; hydromel  
**daadoo** *n* temporary association for cooperative, minor activities such as weaving and weeding (Members work for each other in turns); cf *daboo*  
**daafaa** See *daafuu*<sup>1</sup>  
**daafamuu** See *daafuu*<sup>2</sup>  
**daafee** Same as *daafii*  
**daafii** *n* for the sake of, i.e., for the welfare or benefit of *daafii obboleessa isaatii jedhee du'e* He died for the sake of his brother  
**daafsisuu** See *daafuu*<sup>1</sup>  
**daaftuu** See *daafuu*<sup>1</sup>

**daafura** *adj* (usu of male humans)  
bovine, dull, dumb, silly or  
stupid *daafura kanatti hin eerumu*  
I will not marry this stupid man.

**daafuraa** See *daafuruu*

**daafursuu** See *daafuruu*

**daafuruu** *iv* be poor **daafuraa** *adj*  
poor **dafursuu** *tv* cause to be  
poor; see also *iyyoomuu*

**daafuu**<sup>1</sup> *iv* be desperate,  
dismayed, frightened, or  
startled; panick *hin daafin mucaan*  
*kee hin fayyaa* Don't panick; your  
child will recover. *bofaa argee*  
*daafe* He panicked when he saw  
a snake. **daafaa** *adj* (of male  
humans) panicky *namicha daafaa*  
*kanaa wajjin hin deemu* I won't go  
with this panicky man.

**daafsisuu** *tv* cause to panick;  
terrorize *hattuu daafsiseen gad*  
*dhiise* I terrorized a thief and let  
him go. **daaftuu** *adj* (usu of  
female humans) panicky

**daafuu**<sup>2</sup> *tv* (superstition) be a bad  
omen for *namicha kanaa wajjin hin*  
*deemin si daafaa* Don't go with  
this man (because going with  
him brings bad luck). **daafamuu**  
(passive) be exposed to bad luck  
*ni/in daafamtaa isaa wajjin hin*  
*deemin* Don't go with him; you  
will have bad luck.

**daaga** **1** Same as *allayyaa* **2**  
structure of sort for stopping or  
preventing flood *daaga lolaa ijaare*  
He built a structure for stopping  
flood.

**daagii** *adj* (usu of a yoke of oxen  
that lie down on the job)

indolent, jibber, languid, lazy,  
slothful, or sluggish *sangaan*  
*daagiin kun hin arkisu* This lazy  
ox does not draw/pull properly  
**daagujjaa** *n* ragi or millet  
[eleusine coracana]

**daagujjeessuu** *tv* beat up real  
good

**daagussaa** Same as *daagujjaa*

**daa'ifuu** Same as *dhukkubsachuu*

**daa'ima** See *daa'imuu*

**daa'imuu** *iv* (usu applies to  
babies) crawl or creep *intalli kee*  
*ni/in adeemti moo ni/in daaddifti?*  
Does your baby daughter crawl  
or toddle? **daa'ima** *n* **1** baby **2**  
crawling

**daajjaa** Same as *andaqii*

**daakaa** See *daakuu*<sup>3</sup>

**daakkiyyee** *n* duck; goose

**daaksisuu** See *daakuu*<sup>1</sup>

**daaktuu** See *daakuu*<sup>3</sup>

**daakuu**<sup>1</sup> See *daakuu*<sup>2</sup>

**daakuu**<sup>2</sup> *tv* grind sth between  
millstones *boqqolloo daakti* She is  
grinding corn. *midhaan baaburri*  
*daake kun baay'ee bullaaye* This  
mill-ground flour is fine.

**daaksisuu** *tv* cause to grind  
*boqqollooo isee ni/in daaksifte malee*  
*ofii hin daadkne* She had her corn  
ground; she did not grind it  
herself. **daakuu** *adj*, *n* **1** flour *ani*  
*daakuu humaa arkaa hin qabu* I  
don't have any flour on hand. **2**  
(of salt or sugar) granulated  
*sogidda daakuu* granulated salt

**daakuu**<sup>3</sup> *iv* (usu takes *bishaan*)  
swim *laga Baaroo daakee ceye* He  
swam across Baaroo River. *nuyi*

*bishaan biratti hin guddanne;*  
*kanaaf bishaan daakuu hin beeknu*  
 We don't know how to swim  
 because we didn't grow up near  
 lakes, rivers, etc. **daakaa** *n*  
 swimming *bishaan daakaa deeme*  
 He went swimming. **daaktu** *u n*  
 swimmer *daaktuutu na ceesise* A  
 swimmer helped me cross (the  
 river).

**daalacha** See *daalachaawuu*

**daalachaawuu** *iv* (usu of human  
 skin) become dry and grayish or  
 ashy for lack of oil *fuulli kee*  
*daalachaayeeraa waa dibadhu* Your  
 face is dry; apply some cream to  
 it. **daalacha** *adj* (usu of animals)  
 gray or grey, i.e., colored like  
 ashes *sangaa daalacha* a gray ox  
*daalacheessuu tv* (used of human  
 skin) cause to dry and look ashy  
*qorri edaa na daalacheese* Last  
 night's cold made my skin dry,  
 grey, and ashy **daalachoo** *n* name  
 of male, usu cattle that is  
 grey/gray **daalattii** *n* name of  
 female cattle that is grey/gray  
**daalee** *n* name of grey/grey  
 female cattle

**daalacheessuu** See *daalachaawuu*

**daalachoo** See *daalachaawuu*

**daalattii** See *daalachaawuu*

**daalee** See *daalachaawuu*

**dale goofee** *n* climbing bean with  
 large, multi-colored (white and  
 red) beans or seeds; plant of this  
 bean

**daalifaa** See *daalifuu*

**daalifuu** *iv* (usu applies to corn in  
 the ear) become so ripe that it

almost loses its freshness; be  
 almost dry *boqqoloon daalifeera*  
 The corn crop has become  
 almost dry **daalifaa** *adj* (usu of  
 corn in the ear) quite ripe or  
 almost dry *boqqolloo daalifaa*  
 almost dry corn on the cob

**daalotee** *n* sparrow

**daamaa** *adj, n 1* (of color) bay *farda*  
*daamaa jaal'ata* He likes a bay  
 horse. **2** checkers/draughts, i.e.,  
 a game played by two persons  
 with 24 round pieces, played on  
 a draughtboard/chekerboard  
**daamakasee** *n* twig, the aromatic  
 leaves of which are used to  
 incense milk utensils and to cure  
 headache, common cold, etc.

**daamaraa** See *daamaruu*

**daamaruu** *tv* prepare and burn a  
 bonfire on the day of the Cross  
**daamaraa** *n* sticks for making a  
 bonfire (burnt on the day of the  
 Cross)

**daammii** *adj* (usu of the color of  
 cattle) red and yellow *aannan*  
*sa'a daammii baay'ee hin/him*  
*barbaadamu* Milk from a cow  
 whose color is red and yellow is  
 not very popular (for reasons of  
 superstition).

**daammota** Same as *daamaraa*  
 under *daamaruu*

**daammuu** Same as *daamuu* under  
*dammaawuu*

**daamotee** *n* robin

**daamotii** Same as *daammota*

**daamotoo** Same as *guntuta*

**daamuu** See *dammaawuu*

**daana'uu** *iv* (usu of grains) be infested with or destroyed by weevils *boqqolloo isa daana'e gombisaa keessa baasii gati* Take the corn that is destroyed by weevils out of the granary and throw it away. **daaniyoo** *n* weevil

**daancii** Same as *daacii*

**daandee** an expression used to teach a toddler to walk

**daandessuu** See

*dandaawuu*

**daandii** *n* 1 narrow, country path or lane 2 radio meter band or wave band *daandii soddonii tokko* the 31-meter band

**daandisuu** Same as *daaddisuu*

**daangaa** *n* 1 horizon, i.e., where the sky seems to touch land surface 2 border between two countries or political regions; boundary line; see also *daarii*

**daangullee** *n* pea; see also *atara*

**daaniyoo** See *daana'uu*

**daannisa** Same as *adaannisa*

**daannoo** a very close relative; blood relative

**daanqallee** Same as *raafuu*

**daansee** *n* impotent and a pervert; see also *bukkee*<sup>2</sup>

**daanya'uu** *tv* forbid or prevent, usu in the name of the law *akka ani ol hin galle na daanya'e* He prevented me, in the name of the law, from entering.

**daanyaa** *n* judge

**daaphoo** *n* a variety of sorghum

**daaqaa** Same as *boonaa* under *boonuu*

**daaquu** Same as *boonuu*

**daara** See *daaruu*

**daaraa** See *daara'uu*

**daara'uu** *iv* burn into ashes, i.e., without leaving any charcoal behind; become full of ashes *iddoon kun inni daara'e* This place has become full of ashes. **daaraa** *n* ash; ashes **daarusee** *adj* (of sb with poor complexion) ashy or ash-colored

**daarbee** Same as *gur lamee*

**daarii** *n* border; boundary; see also *daangaa* (2)

**daariquu** *iv* rot or putrefy

**daaroftuu** See *daaruu*

**daarota** Same as *qarawaa*

**daarusee** See *daara'uu*

**daaruu** *iv* lack clothing; not have clothes to wear *ijoolleen koo daara'niiru* My children do not have any clothes to wear. **daara** *n* 1 lack of clothing *waan nyaannu qabna; daaratu nutti taphataa jira malee* We have food, but our problem is lack of clothing. 2 clothes; see also *uffata* under *uffachuu* **daara baasuu** *tv* clothe, i.e., supply clothes for *ijoollee isaa hunda daara baaseera* He has clothed all his children.

**daaroftuu** *adj* (pejorative) of a person who does not have clothes, and therefore considered very poor **daara gatau** *iv* be stark/completely mad

**daasii** *n* provisional or temporary house or hall usu built for ceremonial occasions/festivities

**daasoo** *n* temple for deity or a religious leader; see also *galma* (2) under *galuu*  
**daata'uu** *iv* suffer or become tormented/weary *sangaa barbaachaananin daata'e* I became weary of searching the ox.  
**daatessuu** *tv* torment or weary sb/sth *sangaan eessayyu hin jiru; abbaan koo akkasumaan na daatessa* The ox is to be found nowhere; my father is tormenting me (by urging me to search) for nothing. See also *raatessuu* (1) under *raata'uu*  
**daatii** *n* human placenta  
**daatuu** *n* umbrella, usu made of palm leaves or straw  
**daawaa** Same as *daawwaa*  
**daawinee** *adj* of a countryman who lives in a country and not in a city or town  
**daawitii** Same as *ofilaalii*  
**daawullaa**<sup>1</sup> See *dawwaluu*  
**daawullaa**<sup>2</sup> *n* a measure (about one hundred kilograms) for grain  
**daawwaa** *n* cure or medicine *daawwaa siifha ta'u* May the medicine be efficacious for you; see also *qoricha*  
**daawwachuu** Same as *doowachuu*  
**daawwee** *adj* of sb/sth pleassnt to look at  
**daawwii** Same as *ofilaalii*  
**daayiffoo** *adj* (of a bundle of firewood) big; large *qoraan daayiffoo hidhatte* She tied together pieces of firewood and made it a big bundle.

**dabaa**<sup>1</sup> See *dabuu*  
**dabaa**<sup>2</sup> (used with 2<sup>nd</sup> person, pl) expression of disgust or disapproval used with children immediately after they have farted  
**dabaalsisuu** See *dabaaluu*  
**dabaaluu** *iv* gallop *dabaalsisuu tv* cause to gallop  
**dabaankillee** *n* a variety of (large) bird  
**dabaaqula** *n* pumpkin; see also *buqqee* (1)  
**dabala** See *dabaluu*  
**dablaa** *n* very thin cotton cloth  
**dabalachuu** See *dabaluu*  
**dabalamuu** See *dabaluu*  
**dabaloo**<sup>1</sup> *n* (usu connotes animosity and sibling rivalry) *akka dabaloo wal didu* They quarrel like siblings.  
**dabaloo**<sup>2</sup> *n* sheepskin used as a cape  
**dabaluu** *tv* 1 give additional or more; another, i.e., an additional (one) *birr shan naa dabale* He gave me five more birr, i.e., in addition to what he had already given me or lent me. *buddeena dabaliif* Give him some more bread. *farsoo naa dabali* Give me another (glass of) beer. 2 (takes -tti) add; increase *yoo birri shanitti birri lama daballee birri torba ta'a* If we add two birr to five, the total will be seven. *mindaa keetti meeqa sii dabalan?* By how much have they raised your salary? 3 (takes itti) exaggerate *dubbii itti hin dabalini* Don't exaggerate, i.e., by



saying more than what has actually been said. **dabala** *n* raise; increment *mindaa dabala waggaa lama lamattin argadha* I get a salary raise every two years.

**dabalachuu** *tv* have additional, another or more (for self) *buna shiinii tokko dabaladhu* Have another cup of coffee.

**dabalamuu** *tv* (takes *-tti*) be added to; be a member or part of, usu a family *eega abbaan isetii fi haati isee nutti dabala manii baayy'anneerra* Since her father and mother joined us (i.e., added to our family), the size of our family has increased.

**dabanii** *adj* blemish, defect, fault, flaw, or imperfection *sangaan koo dabanii hin qabu; yoo barbaadde biti you jibbite dhiisi* My ox is perfect; if you want buy it, if you don't leave it. See also *daabanaa*

**dabaq gochuu** *tv* stab; see also *doboq gochuu*

**dabaqqaa** Same as *qoraasuma* under *qoraasuu*<sup>1</sup>

**dabaquu** *tv* devour; cram one's mouth with food

**dabaree** Same as *darabee*

**dabarfachuu**<sup>1</sup> *iv* (usu applies to pregnant animals that are about to give birth) be pregnant; conceive *sa'i koo dabarfatteetti; gidduu kana dhalti* My cow is pregnant; she will calf any time soon.

**dabarfachuu**<sup>2</sup> See *darbuu*

**dabarsaa** See *darbuu*

**dabarsuu** See *darbuu*

**dabballee** *n* 1 gadaa class of children from birth to 8 years of age 2 cadre, i.e., a political activist who teaches people to be aware of their rights and responsibilities; dedicated people's soldier

**dabbasaa** See *dabbasaawuu*

**dabbasaawuu** *iv* grow hair *mucaan kun dabbasaayeeraa mataa isaa aadaafii* This child's hair has grown too long; please shave him. **dabbasaa** *n* (usu of animal, human body, or of certain plants) hair *namichi kun qomi isaa dabbasaa duwwaa dha* This man's chest is covered with a lot of hair.

**dabba'uu** *tv* hem in, i.e., surround or encircle, usu hunted animals

**dabboo** *adj, n* 1 (of clothes) thick *kittaa dabboo* a thick shirt 2 trap for catching animals

**dabeessa** See *daboomuu*

**dabi** (used with 2<sup>nd</sup> person, sing.) expression of disapproval or disgust used with sb, usu children who have farted

**daboo** *adv, n* 1 association, usu for the purpose of cooperative farm or construction work; members of this association *mana koo dabootu naa ijaare* Members of the association built my house for me. 2 many *har'a nama dabootu gabaa baye* Many people came to the market today.

**daboola** Same as *qadaada* under *qadaaduu*

**daboomuu** *iv* be coward; see also *sodaachuu* **dabeessa** *adj* (of men) cowardly *ani dabeessa hin jaal'u obboleessa kooyyu* I don't like cowardly men, even my own brother. See also *lugna* under *lugnoomu*; see also *xeellaa*

**daboora** Same as *dabeessa*

**dabooruu** Same as *sodaachuu* or *daboomuu*

**daboroo** Same as *dabeessa*

**dabruu** Same as *darbuu*

**dabsuu** See *dabuu*

**dabura** Same as *dabeessa*

**daburuu** Same as *dabeessa*, *lugna*, *xeellaa*

**dabuu** *iv* (used of objects such as wood and metal) be or become crooked *eeboon koo ni/in dabe* My spear became crooked. **dabaa** *adj*, *n* **1** crooked, i.e., not straight *ulee dabaa* a crooked stick **2** injustice *balleessaa malee hojii dhaa na baasani; dabaa natti hojjatani* They fired me from my job although I didn't do anything wrong; they did me an injustice. **dabsuu** *tv* (used of objects such as metal or wood) bend; make crooked *ulee koo eenyu na duraa dabse?* Who bent my stick? *booyyeen ani eda waraane eeboo koo dabse* The pig I speared last night caused my spear to bend, i.e., to be crooked.

**dachaa**<sup>1</sup> *n* pass, i.e., opening between hills or mountains; gorge or gully *horiin dachaa keessa dheedaa jiru* The animals are grazing in the gorge.

**dachaa**<sup>2</sup> See *dacha'uu*

**dachaafachuu** See *dacha'uu*

**dachaasuu** See *dacha'uu*

**dacha'uu** *iv* **1** (usu used of animals) assemble, gather, or herd together *saawwan iddoo tokkotti dacha'nii dheedan* The cattle herded together in one place and grazed. *saawwan iddoo tokkotti ha dacha'nu* Let the cattle be herded together in one place. **2** go or come in multitude herded together, usu as cattle do *dacha'nii dhufan/deeman* They came/went herded together in multitude. *dachaatanii eessa dhaqxu?* Where are you going herded together like that? **3** fold, i.e., become folded *andaqiin kun ofumaan dacha'e moo namatu dachaase?* Did this mat become folded by itself or did someone fold it up? **dachaa** *n* **1** crease, i.e., line made on sth by crushing, folding, pressing, etc. *kittaan koo dachaa duwwaa dha* My shirt is full of creases. **2** pun *dubbii dachaa pun dachaafachuu tv* herd or fold for self *kittaa kee dachaafadhu* Fold your shirt (for yourself). *miillaa isaa dachaafatee taa'e* He bent his legs and sat, i.e., he didn't sit with his legs stretching out. **dachaasuu** *tv* **1** (usu used of animals) assemble, gather, or herd together; bring back to the grazing area proper if the animals stray *saawwan gar tokkotti dachaasa* Herd the cattle in one place. *dhaqii sangoota sana*

*asi dachaasi* Go and bring back those oxen to their grazing area proper. 2 fold, i.e., bend sth back over on itself *wayyaa dachaaftee saanduqii keessa keesse* She folded the clothes and put them in the box.

**dachee** *n* earth, ground, land, or soil, usu in which corpses are buried *amma duunutti jabaanna malee gaafa duunu dacheetu nu nyaata* We strive hard while we are alive for when we die, we mix with the elements, i.e., our bodies will be eaten, so to speak, by soil. *dachee nyaadhu/nyaadhaa* May you die, (lit. it means) Eat earth or soil.

**dachii** Same as *dachee*

**dada** Same as *araara* under *araaramuu*

**dadaa** *n* black soil; see also *kooticha*

**daddaaquu** *iv* shake; stagger *daddaaqaa lafaa ka'e* He got up shaking or staggering

**daddafuu** See *dafuu*

**daddaqa** *n* subsoil

**dadhabaa** See *dadhabuu*

**dadhabbii** See *dadhabuu*

**dadhabduu** See *dadhabuu*

**dadhabsiiftuu** See *dadhabuu*

**dadhabsiisaa** See *dadhabuu*

**dadhabsiistuu** Same as *dadhabsiiftuu* under *dadhabuu*

**dadhabsiisuu** See *dadhabsiisuu*

**dadhabuu** *iv* 1 be exhausted, fatigued, tired, or be weary *hojii hojjachaa ooleen dadhabe* I am tired because I have been working all

day. 2 be unable to do sth *ijaajjuu dadhabee taa'e* He was unable to stand, so he sat down. *ofii dhufuu dadhabdee dhaamsa natti ergite* She was unable to come in person, so she sent me a message. *dubbii haadha manaa isaa dadhabee biyyaa bade* He couldn't stand his wife's nagging, so he fled the country. 3 (usu used of a person who is ill) waste away or weaken; be on the verge of death; die *akkoon koo ji'a darbe dadhabde* My grandmother passed away last month. *baay'ee dadhabdeetti; waan haftu natti hin fakkaatu* She has become very weak; I don't think she will survive. See also *laafuu* (3) **dadhabaa** *adj* (of male humans or animals) feeble or weak *jaarsa dadhabaa* a weak, old man **dadhabbii** *n* fatigue, exhaustion, tiredness, or weariness *ani ammayyuu dadhabbii hin/him baane* I am still in a state of exhaustion. **dadhabduu** *adj* (usu of females) feeble, tired and/or weak *jaartii dadhabduu* a weak, old woman **dadhabsiiftuu** *adj* (usu of female humans) headstrong, uncontrollable, unmanageable, or unruly, i.e., of a female animal or human who/which is so difficult that she/it is capable of tiring others without being affected *niitii dadhabsiiftuu kana eessa argate?* From where did he get this difficult woman? **dadhabsiisuu**

*to* exhaust, fatigue, tire (out), or make weary *farda koo na duraa dadhabsiise* He tired out my horse. *hojjiin har'aa baay'ee na dadhabsiise* Today's work fatigued me very much. *taa'umsii yoo baay'ate nama dadhabsiisa* Too much sitting tires people.

**dadii** *n* 1 prospects, i.e., chances for success *qonnaan qamadii keenyaa barana dadii hin qabu* The prospects for our wheat harvest are nil this year. 2 attitude, i.e., a position of the body or manner of holding the body, indicative of a mood *jarattiin kun wal loluuf fakkaata; dadii jaraan jibbe* It looks as if they are going to fight; I don't like their attitude. 3 Same as *obsa* under *obsuu*

**dadoo** *n* an encased jar for holding butter or honey

**daduu**<sup>1</sup> *adj* large; big; huge

**daduu**<sup>2</sup> Same as *andaqii*

**daduu**<sup>3</sup> *n* a small grarany for holding things; see also *gumbii*

**dafaquu** Same as *lanqaxuu*

**dafee** *n* kidney-bean; bean *barana dafee qotuun barbaada* This year I want to grow beans.

**dafii** *n* the lower threshold of a door; see also *gulantaa* (1)

**dafinoo** Same as *wixata*

**dafka** Same as *dafqa* under *dafquu*

**dafqa** See *dafquu*

**dafqisiisuu** See *dafquu*

**dafquu** *iv* perspire or sweat *namni tokko tokko awuu leeyya'u ni/in*

*dafqa* Some people perspire when they are embarrassed.

**dafqa** *n* 1 sweat or perspiration 2 genuinely earned income or property, i.e., earned through hard work and honest means *horiin kun dafqa keenya* This is our earned property. **dafqaan bulaa** *n* proletarian; proletariat; working class **dafqsiisuu** *to* 1 make or cause to perspire or sweat *figichootu na dafqsiise* Running made me sweat. 2 heat metal until it glows *sibiila dafqsiise* He heated the metal until it glowed.

**dafuu** *adv* (verb in form, but adverb in function) do sth fast/quick/soon *dafeen fixa* I will finish it soon. *dafnee dhufna* We will come quickly. *dafii kottu* Come soon. *dafee dhufe* He came fast. *dafte dhufte* She/You came fast. *dafanii manaa hin/him bayanu* They don't leave the house quickly. **daddafuu** *adv* (functions as an adverb; duplicative) do sth very fast/quickly/soon *daddafaa hojjadhaa fixaati aara galfadhaa* Work very fast, finish what you are doing, then take a break.

**dafxaa** *adv* at once, fast, soon immediately, quickly, or in no time *dur dhukkubsatee hin/him beeku; dafxaa dhuma qabamee du'e* He had never been sick; he died in no time.

**daga** 1 Same as *gammoojjii* 2 long journey

**dagaagaa** See *dagaaguu*

**dagaagsuu** See *dagaaguu*

**dagaaguu** *iv* (usu used of children, horn, or trees) develop or thrive, i.e., grow strong, healthy, and branch out  
*mucaan/bunni koo naa dagaageera* My child/coffee tree has grown or thrived well. **dagaagaa** *adj* (usu of children, horn, or trees) well developed/grown *sangaan kun gaafi isaa dagaagaa dha* This ox has well developed/grown horns. *mucaa dagaagaa qabna* We have a well-developed child. *mana boroo dhaa buna dagaagaa soddoma qabna* We have thirty well-developed coffee trees in our backyard. **dagaagsuu** *tv* nourish or nurture, i.e., provide with food or other substances necessary for strong and healthy growth *buna isaa dagaagseera* He has nurtured his coffee plants.

**dagachiisuu** See *dagachuu*

**dagachuu** *iv* **1** neglect or forget, i.e., lack concern usu for a family *ilmi koo barana na dagate* My son has forgotten me this year. **2** forget or be unable to remember *in/ni dagatte* She forgot. See also *irraanfachuu* **dagachiisuu** *tv* cause sb to be off his/her guard *dagachiisee isa ajjeese* He killed him while he was off his guard. **dagachiisa lolaa** *n* (neologism) guerrilla fighter; see also *gaadduu* under *gaaduu*

**dagaagsuu** See *dagaaguu*

**dagaggama** *adv* **1** sometimes; see also *alii al* **2** accidentally *beekaa miti*; *dagaggama si rukute* It's not

deliberate; he hit you accidentally.

**dagalee** See *dagaluu*

**dagaluu** *tv* construct a roof, i.e., a cupola-like structure consisting of rafters and put it on the top of a granary, hut, house (It is this structure which, after being covered with thatch, becomes a roof) *har'a gombisaa kootiifan dagalee dagala* I will construct a roof for my granary today.

**dagalee** *n* withy, rafters, dome-like or cupola-like structure which is the basis for thatching or roofing

**daggala** See *daggalaawuu*

**daggalaawuu** *iv* (usu used of crops) become like a forest/thicket with weeds *boqqolloon kun in/ni daggalaaye* This corn crop has run to weeds, i.e., weeds as thick as a forest

**daggala** *n* forest or thicket

**daggal mureessaa** *n* a striped, wild mouse

**daggarruu** *tv* block, hinder, impede, or obstruct the passage of or movement through *balbala arra dhaabattee na daggarte* She stood on the doorway and blocked me.

**daguu**<sup>1</sup> *n* **1** forgetting *ilmi koo daguu malee waan itti himame hunda arra deebi'ee sitti hima* My son can repeat what he has been told without forgetting any point. See also *dagachuu* (**2**) **2** accidental mistake *bosoonuu se'ee daguutti reettii isaa ajjeese*

Thinking that it was a deer, he killed his goat by accident.

**dagu<sup>u</sup>2** Same as *gowwoomsuu* under *gowwoomuu*

**daguugduu** See *daguuguu*

**daguuggaa** See *daguuguu*

**daguuggachuu** See *daguuguu*

**daguuguu** *tv* remove or strip the leaves or berries from the stalk of plants, trees, etc. with the hands *buna buyi malee hin daguugin* Don't strip the coffee beans roughly; pick them one by one. **2** scrape off remnant of butter or dough from a container and use it or give it away *dhadhaa waanan qabu hunda daguugeen isee dhaa kenne* I scraped off the last remnant of butter I had and gave it to her.

**daguugduu** *n* scraper

**daguuggaa** *adj* **1** of remnant of butter or dough *daguuggaa bukoo/dhadhaa* remnant of dough/butter **2** of the last child, after which child bearing stops *inni kun ilma daguuggaa dha* This is the last born son, no more children after him.

**daguuggachuu** *tv* scrape off for self *bukoo daguuggattee fudhatte* She scraped off the dough and took it.

**daha** Same as *daya* under *dawuu*

**dahaaba** Same as *warqee* (1)

**dahuu** Same as *dawuu*

**daka** *adv*, *n* **1** down, i.e., toward a lower part of a region *bishaan gara dakaatti yaa'a malee ol hin yaa'uu* Water flows downwards

not upwards. **2** Same as *gammoojjii*

**dakkara** *n* incense; see also *libaana*

**dakkarroo** Same as *dakkara* or *libaana*

**dakkuu** *n* **1** loin cloth made from leather and worn by women **2** very informal, sometimes even tattered or ragged clothes worn when people go to work, *usu* on a farm **3** Same as *daatuu* **dakkuu saree namatti hidhuu** *tv* degrade or humiliate *intalli koo nama fuulduratti dakkuu saree natti hiite* My daughter embarrassed me in public.

**dakku butee** *n* association of ten to fifteen persons for cooperative, emergency work, *usu* taking place from 6 a.m. to 9 a.m.

**dakoo** *adj* (of persons) backward

**dal'uu** Same as *gooba*

**dalaagoo** *adj* (of male humans) lanky

**dalaga<sup>1</sup>** Same as *ojii* under *ojjechuu*

**dalaga<sup>2</sup>** See *dalaguu*

**dalagaa** Same as *dalaga<sup>1</sup>*

**dalaguu<sup>1</sup>** *iv* (used of females) form a ring by kneeling down side by side and dance while chanting and rhythmically hitting a drum placed in the center of the ring with one hand and holding, for support, the back of the next woman with the other hand *eda mana kootti dalagaa bulan* They were singing-dancing in my house all night

last night. **dalaga** *n* women's song-dance

**dalaguu**<sup>2</sup> Same as *ojjechuu*

**dalaqa** Same as *dalaga* under *dalaguu*<sup>1</sup>

**dalasuu** *tv* fence in, usu a crop

**dalasaa** *n* 1 a fence around a crop to prevent animals from entering crop 2 stuff like chaff, straw, dry leaves, and the like deliberately scattered or strewn inside a granary to prevent different grains from mixing together

**dalata** *n* reason or excuse

**daldala** Same as *nagada* under *nagaduu*

**daldaluu** Same as *nagaduu*

**dalga** *adj*, *n* 1 (of ground) straight, flat, or level *dalga kana qabadhuu*

*deemi* Take this straight road and

go. 2 oblique, i.e., devious,

evasive, or indirect in

expression; not straight forward

*dalga natti deebise* He gave me

oblique answers *dubbiin isaa*

*dalga* He is not straight forward.

**dalga galee** *adv* around an area or

vicinity *sa'i dalaga galee garanaa*

*jirti* The cattle are in this vicinity.

**dalgee** *n* 1 small stool, usu for

children 2 bench 3 rectangular

house

**daljeessa** *n* baboon

**daljeettii** *n* usu a female baboon,

also used in a diminutive sense

**daljuu** Same as *daljeessa*

**dallaa** see *dalla'uu*

**dallaalaa** *n* broker, i.e., one who, for a fee or commission, brings

together those who want to buy and those who want to sell a certain commodity, and those who lease and those who rent a property, usu a house, an apartment, etc.; agent or hawker

**dallansiisuu** See *danllanuu*

**dallansuu** See *dalanuu*

**dallantuu** See *dalanuu*

**dallanuu** *iv* scowl, spout, sulk, be

angry/cross, be disgruntled, or

be offended *abbaan isaa waan*

*jedheen ani hin/him beekuu ilmi*

*keenya dallaneera* I don't know

what his father said to him, but

our son is in a sullen or sulky

mood. **dallansiisuu** *tv* cause to

be in a sulky mood; cause to

sulk, scowl, be angry, be cross,

disgruntled, or be offended

*haadha manaa isaa baay'ee*

*dallansiise* He offended his wife

very much. **dallansuu** *n* anger; a

sulk *dallansuu dhaan manaa baye*

He left the house in a sulk.

**dallantuu** *adj* (usu of female

humans) cross *intalli kun*

*dallantuu dha; qoosaa hin/him*

*beektu* This girl is cross; so don't

play a joke with her too much.

**dallaquu** *tv* pound or beat to

powder or pulp, usu in a large

wooden mortar *lama ta'anii biqila*

*naa dallaqan* The two of them

pounded the malt for me.

**dalla'uu** *tv* construct a fence

around a house, a crop, etc *horiin*

*akka si duraa hin balleessine buna*

*keetti dalla'i* To prevent animals

from destroying your coffee

plants, construct a fence around them. **dallaa** *n* 1 fence, i.e., barrier put around a house, a garden, etc., palisade *mana isaa arra dallaa isaatu caala* The fence around his house is more impressive than the house itself. 2 corral or pen, i.e., enclosure for, usu cattle; see also *foonaa* and *mooraa*<sup>2</sup> (1)

**dallawuu** Same as *dalla'uu*

**dallaya** Same as *dallaa*

**dallayuu** Same as *dalla'uu*

**dalluu** Same as *gooba*

**damaawuu** *iv* 1 branch out *muki tokko tokko hin damaawu* Some trees do not branch 2 (usu jussive; used when blessing sb) multiply, propagate or reproduce *damaayaa dagaagaa* Multiply, i.e., may you have many descendants. **damee** *n* bough or branch of a tree; ramification; a branch of government, association, etc.

**damacaa** See *damacuu*

**damacuu** *tv* 1 gin, i.e., remove the seeds from cotton *jirbii damacaniiruu?* Have they ginned the cotton? 2 crush, usu catch or trap one's finger between a door and the door post *balballi quba koo na damace* I caught my fingers in the door. **damacaa** *n* cotton gin, i.e., a locally produced machine operated by two persons, used for separating seeds from cotton

**dambaaruu** *iv* walk with difficulty due to over weight or exhaustion

**dambalii** See *dambali'uu*

**dambali'uu** *iv* (of water in rivers, lakes, ponds) overflow *haroon guutee dambali'e* The lake became full and overflowed. **dambalii** *adj* (of water only) deep *bishaan dambalii* deep water

**dambii** *n* 1 a kind of tree which gives off white sap when cut (as cactus does) 2 custom, law, or rule *dambii abbaa keenyaati* It is our custom passed on to us from our forefathers

**damboobaa** See *damboobuu*

**damboobsuu** See *damboobuu*

**damboobuu** *iv* (used of animals bought and brought home) adapt to a new environment or surroundings *sangaan ani kaleessa bitee fide sun tokkichumaan naa damboobe* The ox I bought and brought home yesterday adapted easily. 2 wish *maaf du'a naa damboobda?* Why do you wish me death? **damboobaa** *adj* adaptable *sangaa damboobaa* an adaptable ox **damboobsuu** *tv* train animals to adapt to a new environment; train them to behave in a certain way

**damee** See *damaawuu*

**damfa** Same as *danfa* under *danfuu*

**damfisaa** Same as *danfisaa* under *danfuu*

**danfisuu** Same as *danfisuu* under *danfuu*



**damfuu** Same as *danfuu*

**damma** See *dammaawuu*

**dammaawuu** *iv* (used of hives)

begin to have honey *gaagurri isaa*

*dammaayeera* His hives have honey in them, i.e., the bees have

completed the process of making honey in his hives **damma** *n* 1

honey *damma atuu mi'awuu*

*maraguu* (saying) One seals a jar of honey and saves it [the honey] for future use in spite of the

temptation to eat all of it. *akka*

*muka dammaan sochoosanuu*

*arraabanii na gatan*. They dropped me as one throws away

a stick that has been used in stirring honey [after licking the

honey off the stick]. 2 sweet-heart, i.e., a term of affectionate

address, usu to one's wife *eessaa*

*dhufta damma koo* Where are you coming from, sweet-heart?

**damma afaan dibachuu** *iv* use pleasant sounding words

without being sincere *humaa naa*

*hin godhu*; *damma afaan dibatee*

*natti dubbata malee* He does not

do anything for me; he just

speaks to me nicely, i.e., he has

his tongue in his cheek. **damme**

*n* 1 Same as *damma* (2) 2 sweet

potato **dammeessuu** *tv* (used of

bee) make honey *kanniisi barana*

*damma baay'ee dammeessite* The

swarm of bees (in a hive) made a

lot of honey this year. **daamuu** *n*

1 bumble bee, i.e., a stingless bee

that makes honey underground

2 underground honey *daamuun*

*qabanii biyyoo nyaatu* (saying)

One who craves soil, eats it along with the underground honey.

**damma daamuu** Same as *daamuu*

(2) under *dammaawuu*

**dammaqaa** See *dammaquu*<sup>1</sup>

**dammaqsaa** See *dammaquu*<sup>2</sup>

**dammaqsituu** See *dammaquu*<sup>2</sup>

**dammaqsuu** See *dammaquu*

**dammaquu**<sup>1</sup> *iv* (used of animals

or birds) be frightened, shy (at

sth), stampede, be startled, or be

wild *gaangeen waa argitee*

*dammaqxe* The mule was startled

because she saw something. *fardi*

*koo waan adii tokko karaa arraa*

*argee dammaqe* My horse shied at

a white object that he saw in the

street. **dammaqaa** *adj* (usu of

horses) wild, i.e., easily startled

*eeggadh<sup>ha</sup> fardi kun dammaqaa dha*

Watch out! This horse is wild.

**dammaqsuu** *tv* startle or decoy,

usu hunted animals into a

vicinity where hunters lie in wait

*bosonuu sana dhaqii dammaqsi* Go

and startle that antelope.

**dammaqxuu** *adj* (usu of mules)

wild, i.e., difficult to get near

*gaangee dammaqxuu* a wild mule

**dammaquu**<sup>2</sup> *iv* 1 wake up, i.e.,

stop sleeping *abbaan kee*

*dammaqeera moo ammayyuu ni/in*

*rafa* ? Has your father waked/

woken up or is he still sleeping?

2 be politically aware or

conscious *qotee bulaan Oromiyaa*

*dammaqeera* The farmers in

Oromiyaa have become

politically conscious.  
**dammaqsaa** *adj* of a male human who teaches people to be politically conscious  
**dammaqsituu** *adj* of a female human who makes people politically aware  
**dammaqsuu** *tv* 1 wake sb up or disturb sb who is sleeping *ha/haa raftuu hin dammaqsin* Let her sleep; don't wake her up. 2 agitate/teach so as to instil political consciousness into sb *kaadiree isa kamtu isin dammaqa* Which cadre gives you political enlightenment?

**dammee** See *dammaawuu*

**dammeechuu** Same as *dammeessuu* under *dammaawuu*

**dammeessa'uu** Same as *ooganaawuu*

**dammeessuu** See *dammaawuu*

**dammii** *n* revenge; see also *gumaa*<sup>1</sup> (1)

**damoosa** *n* salary or wage; see also *mindaa*

**damooza** Same as *damoosa*

**danaa** *n* 1 appearance; countenance *danaan isaa sodaachisaa dha* His countenance is frightening. 2 (judged by what one sees) promising; prospect *qonnaan keenya barana danaa hin qabu* The prospects for our crops are nil this year. 3 figure, i.e., numbers from 0 to 9

**danachuu** See *daneessuu*

**danbalii** Same as *dambalii* under *dambal'iuu*

**danboobaa** Same as *damboobaa* under *damboobuu*

**danboobuu** Same as *damboobuu*

**danda'aa** See *danda'uu*

**dandaawuu** *iv* become affected by rust *aaduun koo ni/in dandaaye* My knife has rusted  
**dandii** *n* 1 rust *aaduun koo dandii godhate* My knife has become rusty. 2 vitiligo-like, leg or thigh skin disease believed to be contacted *usu* by persons who have a warm by the fire  
**daandessuu** *tv* cause to rust *gajara koo ala bulchitee na duraa daandessite* You left my large knife (for cutting bush/trees) over night and made it rust.

**danda'uu** *iv* 1 be able to do sth; can, i.e., indicates ability or capacity to do sth *bishaan daakuu hin dandeessu* She/You cannot swim. 2 tolerate; be patient with (of); endure or bear *baay'ee isa dandeesse malee dhirsi isee nama gaarii miti* Her husband is not a good man, but she has been patient with him a lot. 3 hold (have the capacity to contain/accommodate) *galmi kun nama dhibba hin danda'u* This hall cannot hold or accommodate one hundred people 4 could, i.e., indicates possibility *waanti inni nutti hime soba ta'uu ni/in danda'a* What he told us could be a lie. **danda'aa** *adj* (of male humans) patient; tolerant *inni dafee hin aaru; danda'aa dha* He doesn't lose his temper quickly;

he is tolerant **dandeessuu** *adj* (of female humans) patient; tolerant  
*iseen dandeessuu dha* She is tolerant.

**dandeessuu** See *danda'uu*

**dandii** See *dandaawuu*

**danee** Same as *dabaree*

**daneessuu** *tv* cause to be many / much *buna kootti soogidda daneessite* You put too much salt in my coffee. See also *baay'isuu* under *baay'achuu* **danachuu** *tv* be plenty, many, or more *hojiitu natti danate* I have a lot to do **danuu** *adj* many or much *nama danuutu ala jira* There are many people outside. See also *baay'ee* under *baay'achuu*

**danfa** See *danfuu*

**danfisaa** See *danfuu*

**danfisuu** See *danfuu*

**danfuu** *iv* 1 boil *bishaan danfeera* The water has boiled 2 (used of beer, dough, or mead / hydromel) ferment; give off bubbles of gas *farsoon danfuutti jira* The beer is fermenting or giving off bubbles of gas. 3 (used of coffee) *iv* be boiled and ready for drinking *bunni danfeera; dhaqii abbaa kee waami* Coffee is ready; go and call your father. 4 Same as *dafquu* **danfa** *n* 1 (usu) hot water *danfa lafaa hin qabu; yoo barbaadde dhanna kee bishaan qabbanaayaa dhaan dhiqadhu* I don't have hot water on hand; take a cold bath if you wish. 2 Same as *dafqa* **danfisaa** *n* half-boiled grain *akaayii danfisaa*

*jaal'ata* He likes roast grain (i.e., grain that has been boiled first and then roasted / parched). cf., *ansooso danfisuu tv* 1 boil *aannan danfisani dhuguu wayya* It is better to boil milk and drink it. 2 make or prepare coffee *buna naa danfifte* She made me coffee. 3 boil grain mildly before parching or roasting it *shumburaa danfiftee akoofte* She half-boiled the chick-pea and roasted / parched it.

**dangaca** *n* tusks of an elephant  
**dangaja** *n* trophy, usu sth taken home as an evidence of killing an animal after a hunt

**dangoo** *n* well fertilized, fruit-bearing plant, usu coffee tree that had taken root relatively a long time ago

**dannabaa** *adj, n* 1 a group song, usu sung when a thief has been caught, the purpose of which is to cry shame on the thief or disgrace him / her 2 Same as *qunxurroo* 3 Same as *baay'ee* under *baay'achuu*

**dannaboo** Same as *dannabaa*

**dannabsuu** *iv* (usu used of a horse) prance about and neigh simultaneously as when it sees another horse or mule *fardi gaangee argee dannabse* The horse pranced about and neighed simultaneously when he saw a mule.

**dannoo**<sup>1</sup> *n* nape or neck *rifeensi isee dannoo isee arra ciisa* Her hair is flowing down her nape.

**dannoo**<sup>2</sup> *n* close relative

**danqaraa** See *danqaruu*

**danqar fullaas** *n* a snake believed to pierce through bamboo, reed, etc. like a bullet

**danqaruu** *tv* bolt or bar a door or a gate *balbala keessaan danqartee raftee* She bolted/barred the door from within and slept. **danqaraa** *n* bar across a door or a gate used for bolting **danqisiisuu** See *danquu*

**danquu** *tv* bar/block, i.e., put sth in the way *jirmaan karaa danqan* They blocked the road with logs. **danqisiisuu** *tv* cause to block *isatu konkolaataa na fuul dura dhaabee karaa na danqisiise* He is the one who parked his car in front of me and made me block the way.

**dansa** *adv, n* well, i.e., in a good or satisfactory manner; excellent and pleasing; pleasant to hear, to look at; *dansa manaa naa baatee manatti deebii naa dhowwi* (prayer of a parent who has managed to marry off his/her daughter) She left home well and sound; God, make sure that she doesn't return home, i.e., be divorced and return to the parent. See also *mish'aa*

**dantaa** Same as *dhimma*

**danuu** See *daneessuu*

**da'oo** See *da'achuu*

**daphachuu** *iv* be without the necessary relish such as stew with which local bread is eaten *buddeenni koo in/ni daphate; ittoo naa kenni* Give me sauce; my

bread is without any relish.

**dapheessuu** *tv* (used of local bread) cause to be without relish with which it is eaten *buddeena koo na duraa daphheessite* You made my bread dry, i.e., you did not give me enough relish that goes with my bread. **daphoo** *adj* 1 dry, i.e., without the necessary relish with which local bread is eaten *buddeena daphoo nyaate* He ate dry bread. 2 (usu of clothes) plain, i.e., without a fringe or ornamental border *qamisii daphoo naa bite* He bought me a plain dress.

**dapheessuu** See *daphachuu*

**daphpoo** See *daphachuu*

**daraaraa** See *daraaruu*

**daraariiyoo** Same as *daraaraa* under *daraaruu*

**daraaruu** *iv* blossom, tassel, or flower *garbuun daraareera* The barley has blossomed. *muki tokko tokko ganna daraara* Some trees blossom in winter. **daraaraa** *n* blossom or flower of crops or plants and trees *daraaraa boqqolloo* corn tassel *daraaraa mukaa* tree flower (cf., *abaaboo*)

**darabaa**<sup>1</sup> *n* 1 buddy, companion, or friend (both in play and work) 2 association for grazing cattle in common and in turn; place for grazing cattle in common; see also *darabee* 3 turn in cattle grazing; see also *darabee* **darabaa galchuu** *tv* entrust cattle to a shepherd for safekeeping **darabaa galuu** *iv* become or be a

member of an association for tending cattle in turn  
**darabaa**<sup>2</sup> *n* lid of a granary  
**darabaa galshuu** Same as *darabaa galchuu* under *darabaa*  
**darabaa kennuu** Same as *darabaa galchuu* under *darabaa*  
**darabee** *n* turn, usu a practice of taking turns at grazing cattle  
*har'a darabee kooti* It is my turn to graze cattle today.  
**darabii** *n* 1 a long, red earth-worm that can crawl forward or backward without turning around 2 red beans  
**daraboo** Same as *hiriyaa/hiryaa*  
**daramsuu** *tv* crunch or crush noisily with the teeth, usu when one eats roast grain, peanuts, etc.; munch *akaayii daramsiti* She is crunching roast grain. See also *ququmsuu*  
**daran** Same as *baay'ee* under *baay'achuu*  
**daranyoo** *n* cancer  
**darara** Same as *rakkina* under *rakkachuu*  
**dararamuu** Same as *rakkachuu*  
**dararuu** Same as *rakkisuu* under *rakkachuu*  
**darbaa** See *darbuu*  
**darbaabbaa** *adj* (us of women) plump *haati manaa isaa darbaabbaa dha* His wife is plump, i.e., fat in a pleasant way.  
**darbachuu** *tv* 1 cast, fling, hurl, pitch, throw, or toss *eeboo natti darbatee dhabe* He threw a spear at me, but he missed his target, i.e., me. push sb (over) *na*

*darbatanii na bira darban* They pushed past me. *na darbatee na kuffise*. He pushed me over and threw me down. **darboo** *n* throwing *darboo dhaan tokkoffaa baye* He became first in throwing (javelin, spear, etc.)

**darbata** *n* a kind of disease

**darbattee** *n* It is a shovel-like wooden tool for throwing both grain and chaff together into the air. This way the chaff is blown away and the grain falls down on the threshing ground.

**darbattuu** *n* Same as *kolloo* (1)

**darboo** 1 See *darbachuu* 2 Same as *darbata*

**darbuu** *iv* 1 pass, i.e., proceed or move ahead/beyond *iddoo dhiphoo kanaan akkamitti darbina?* How can we pass through this narrow space? *Sibbootti wal bira darban* They passed each other at Sibboo. *na dubbisse na bira darbe* He greeted me and passed on. 2 pass through difficult years; be better off after a difficult period *amma eega hojii argatee asi darbeeraaf* Now that he has got a job, he is much better off. 3 pass an examination *intalli koo qormaata isee darbiteetti* My daughter has passed her examination 4 (of time) pass, i.e., go by *yaroon darbeera* The time has passed. 5 exceed the limit, usu fixed weight *safarri buna kanaa sitti darbe* The quantity of coffee you got exceeded the fixed weight. 6 encroach/

infringe upon/on sb's rights or land *afaan natti darbe* He encroached upon my right by insulting me. *daarii itti darban* They encroached on his boundary (and plowed). 7 (usu used of diseases) be contagious; pass, i.e., be communicated to *dhukkubi isaa namatti darba* His disease is contagious. 8 represent, usu speak for sb in court or out of court *ani dubbii koo abbaa alangaatti qajeelchee himachuu daxxabnaan obboleessi koo naa darbe* My brother represented me at court because I could not explain my case to the judge properly. *dabarfachuu tv 1* (usu used of load) change from one part of the body to another (for self) *ba'aa isaa mataa arraa fuudhee gateettitti dabarfate* He took the load off his head and changed it to his shoulder (and carried it). 2 pass, i.e., spend time *asi turee yaroo dabarfatee deeme* He passed the time here and left. 3 cause to represent *waabii dabarfate* She made a counsel represent her. 4 take more than one's own share *ofitti dabarfatee fudhatte* She took more than her own share (for self). 5 stay with sb or at a place until a period of difficulty passes *na bira taa'ee bara dabarfatee deeme* He stayed with me during a period of difficulty and then left. 6 pass a yoke of oxen (part-time) from the owner's plot of land being

plowed to one's own (for self) *dabarfadhuu qotadhu* Pass the yoke of oxen to your own plot of land and plow it part-time (for self). *dabarsaa n* yoke of oxen given/passed on to sb after the owner has plowed his own plot of land for part of the total plowing hours *dabarsaa inni naa kenneenan boqqolloo kana qotadhe* I cultivated this corn with the yoke of oxen he gave me (part-time) *dabarsuu tv 1* cause to pass *na dabarsi* Let me pass. 2 transfer sth from one container to another *bishaan barmeelii dhaa uurootti dabarsite* She transferred the water from the barrel to the jar. 3 pass, i.e., hand over to some one *buna asi naa dabarsi* Pass the coffee (to me), please. 4 cause to be late; let sth slip, i.e., neglect *sa'aatii dabarsee dhufe* He came late. *yaroo qonnaa atarii dabarsan* They let the right time for sowing peas slip by. 5 (usu used of illness) communicate, give, pass on, or transmit *utaalloo isaa natti dabarse* He gave me his cold. *bookeen busaa namatti dabarsiti* Mosquitoes transmit malaria. See also *qabsiisuu* (3) under *qabuu* 6 relay an alarm through hue and cry *iiyyii iyya dabarsi* Sound an alarm and pass it on. 7 steal, usu cattle by relaying it to another thief elsewhere *hattuun sangaa koo dabarsite* Thieves stole my ox, i.e., and relayed it to another thief

elsewhere. **darbaa** *adj* 1 (usu of sth measured or weighed and sold) excess, or extra *soogiddi iseen natti gurgurte darbaa dha* The salt she sold me was more than I paid for. 2 (usu of what sb says) excessive, unnecessary and offensive *maaliif darbaa natti dubbata?* Why does he insult me, i.e., by saying sth unnecessary? **darbee darbee** *adv* occasionally; once in a while *darbee darbee in/ni rooba* It rains occasionally.

**darbuuca** *adj* (of clothes) ragged, shabby, tattered or torn in shreds *darbuuca uffata* He wears tattered clothes. See also *carqii* (1)

**dardara** Same as *dargaggeessa* under *dargaggoomuu*

**dardaramuu** *iv* become youth or a young person; see also *dargaggoomuu*

**dardhatoo** *n* 1 running water that deviates from its course, collects in one place and becomes or forms into a pool 2 paunch or pot belly

**daree** *n* 1 Same as *darrara* 2 Same as *darree* (1) 3 torch used on the day of *masqala* ceremony (1)

**dareera** *n* a slender pole used for carrying sth

**dargaggeessa** See *dargaggoomuu*

**dargaggeettii** See *dargaggoomuu*

**dargaggeeysa** Same as *dargaggeessa* under *dargaggoomuu*

**dargaggeeytii** Same as *dargaggeettii* under *dargaggoomuu*

**dargaggoo** See *dargaggoomuu*

**dargaggoomuu** *iv* (applies to a girl or a boy who has reached the age that qualifies him/her to be considered a young man/woman) come of age; become a lad *ilmi koo*

*dargaggoomeera* My son has come of age, therefore, he is now considered as a young man or youth. **dargaggeessa** *n* (usu of male humans) lad; young; youth *intalli isaa dargaggeessa moo jaarsatti eerumte?* Did his

daughter marry a young man or an old man? **dargaggeettii** *n* (of female humans) lass; young; youth **dargaggoo** (pl; also *dargaggoota*) *n* 1 youth *waldaa dargaggootaa* youth association 2 Master, i.e., a term of address to a young man *Dargaggoo Tolaa, dura taa'aan waldicha akka dubbatetti* As Master Tola, the chairman of the Association, said

**dargii** *n* Provisional Military Administration, an iron-fisted regime that ruled Ethiopia from 1974 to 1991

**darguu** Same as *dargii*

**darmaa** Same as *waraabessa*

**darma-sheek** Same as *darmaa*

**darmii** *n* foal, i.e., a baby or young horse; also a baby or young camel or monkey

**darraa** Same as *barbaree*

**darrabachuu** See *darrabuu*

**darrabbaawuu** *iv* bulge, i.e., be full to the brim; be filled to capacity

**darrabuu** *tv* (used of blankets, sheets, and the like) fold and wear *bullukkoo darrabdee uffatte* She folded (doubled) the cotton blanket and wore it.

**darrabachuu** *tv* **1** wear or put on many clothes at one time, usu one on top of the other *eda bullukkoo laman darrabadhee rafe* I wore two cotton blankets and slept last night. **2** fold for oneself and wear *naxalaa isaa darrabatee uffate* He folded his cotton cloth for self and wore it.

**darrara** Same as *rakkina* under *rakkachuu*

**darraruu** Same as *rakkisuu* under *rakkachuu*

**daree** *adj* **n** **1** kind of lowland tree **2** (of persons) laid-back

**darsa** *adj*, **n** **1** (of clothes) old, worn out; ragged; tattered; see also *cargii* (**1**) and *darbuuca* **2** Same as *jelaa baatee* under *jelaa*

**darsa dhawuu** *tv* **1** (usu used of an issue) confuse *dubbii darsa hin dhayin* Don't confuse the issue **2** fool sb *darsa na dhaye* He fooled me.

**daruraa** *adj* Same as *gowwaa* under *gowwoomuu*

**daruu** *tv* mix or add; marry *intalli isaatii fi ilmi koo walitti daran* His daughter and my son are united in holy matrimony.

**daruuruu** *iv* (of tree, bushes, etc.) fruit a lot or bear abundant fruit *bunni kun duruuree wajjin kufe* This coffee tree bore so much berries that it fell down under

the weight of the berries. See also *kurruufuu*<sup>2</sup>

**dasee** **n** **1** Same as *darbuuca* **2** cushion for the backs of pack animals; see also *daawullaa* under *dawwaluu*

**dawumsa** See *dawuu*

**dawuu** *tv* (used of humans) give birth; bring forth or deliver *dhiira deesse* She gave birth to a boy.

**daya** **n** giving birth *mana warra isee daya deemte* She went to her parent's house to give birth.

**dayee** **n** (usu used as a term of endearment) mother *maal sii godhu dayee koo* What shall I do for you, dear mother **dawumsa** **n** giving birth *dawumsa arratti duute* She died while giving birth. **deessee** Same as *armee* and *dayee* above **deessiftuu** **n**

midwife **deessisuu** *tv* deliver, i.e., assist in making a woman give birth *eenyutu isee deessise?* Who delivered the baby?

**deessuu** *adj* **1** (of women) fertile or prolific, i.e., of a woman who has given birth to many children *haati manaa isaa deessuu dha* His wife is the type who gives birth / who has given birth to many children. **2** of a woman who has given birth very recently, and therefore, deserves help/care *namichi bineensi kun haadha manaa isaa deessuu soqsiisa* This brute makes his wife, who has just given birth, work on the farm.

**dawwaawuu** *iv* (applies to a person) be feeble-minded; be



muddle-headed **dawwee** *adj*  
 feeble-minded; muddle-headed;  
 confused; see also **raatuu** (2)  
 under **raata'uu** **dawweessuu** *tv*  
 cause to be foolish, feeble-  
 minded, or muddle-headed  
*maaltu akkana isa dawweessa laata?*  
 What is it that makes him so  
 confused and foolish?

**dawwachuu** Same as **toowachuu**

**dawwaluu** *tv* 1 ring a bell;  
 telephone *bilbila dawwali* Ring  
 the bell. 2 put or place cushion  
 on the back of pack animals  
 before loading or riding *gaangee*  
*atuu hin dawwalin kooraa arra hin*  
*kaayin* Don't saddle the mule  
 before putting a cushion  
 between the saddle and the skin  
 of the mule **daawullaa** *adj, n* 1  
 cushion for pack animals 2 a  
 two-quintal container for  
 measuring grain *atara daawullaa*  
*lama* two quintals of peas 3  
 (pejorative) a very fat person  
*namicha daawullaa kanattin eeruma*  
*sitti fakkaataa?* Do you think I'll  
 marry this fat man?

**dawwartuu** See **dawwaruu**

**dawwaruu** *tv* pass yarn or thread  
 from the bobbin on to the cotton  
 reel before the reel is inserted  
 into the shuttle **dawartuu** *n*  
 manual spinning wheel that  
 functions like the spindle

**dawwee** See **dawwaawuu**

**dawweessuu** See **dawwaawuu**

**daxxabaa** Same as **dadhabaa** under  
**dadhabuu**

**daxxabii** Same as **dadhabii**  
 under **dadhabuu**

**daxxabduu** Same as **dadhabduu**  
 under **dadhabuu**

**daxxabsiiftuu** Same as  
**dadhabsiiftuu** under **dadhabuu**

**daxxabsiisaa** Same as **dadhabsiisaa**  
 under **dadhabuu**

**daxxabsiistuu** Same as  
**dadhabsiiftuu** under **dadhabuu**

**daxxabsiisuu** Same as **dadhabsiisuu**  
 under **dadhabuu**

**daxxabuu** Same as **dadhabuu**

**daya** See **dawuu**

**dayee** See **dawuu**

**dayfa** Same as **dafqa**

**dayfuu** Same as **dafquu**

**dayma** Same as **damma** under  
**dammaawuu**

**daymeeyissuu** Same as  
**dammeessuu** under **dammaawuu**

**dayumsa** Same as **dawumsa** under  
**dawuu**

**dayyaasuu** See **dayya'uu**

**dayya'uu** *iv* burst or explode; give  
 way under pressure as tiers,  
 balls, overfull sacks, etc., do  
*fe'isii harree arraa kufee dayya'e*  
 The load dropped from the back  
 of the donkey and burst.

**dayyaasuu** *tv* cause, usu sacks  
 full of grain to burst when tying,  
 loading, or unloading them  
*fe'iisa darbatee dayyaase* He threw  
 down the load carelessly and  
 made it burst.

**dayyoo** *n* a term of address or  
 reference to one's mother-in-law  
*dayyoon koo bor dhufuu nyaataa fi*  
*dhugaatii qopheessi* My mother-in-

law will come tomorrow;  
prepare food and drinks. *dayyoo*,  
*akkam bultan* Good morning,  
mother-in-law.

**deddeebii** See *deebi'uu*

**deddeebisuu** See *deebi'uu*

**deddeebi'uu** See *deebi'uu*

**deddeemuu** See *deemuu*

**deebifachuu** See *deebi'uu*

**deebifamuu** See *deebi'uu*

**deebii** See *deebi'uu*

**deebii kennuu** See *deebi'uu*

**deebisa** See *deebi'uu*

**deebisaa** See *deebi'uu*

**deebisiisuu** See *deebi'uu*

**deebisuu** See *deebi'uu*

**deebi'uu 1** return to or from Goree

*dhaa deebi'eera* He has returned

from Gore. *Goreetti deebite* She

returned to Gore. *deebi'aa kottaa*

(you, pl/hon) Come again. **2**

(usu used of a spoiled person) be

corrected *mucaan kun reebicha*

*duwwaa dhaan hin deebi'u* This

child cannot be corrected by

corporal punishment alone. **3**

(takes *arra* or *keessa*) repeat; do

sth again *arra deebi'ee /keessa*

*deebi'ee qote* He plowed it again.

**4** (takes *itti*; usu negative) repeat

the same mistake *lammaffaa itti*

*hin deebi'u* I won't do it again.

**deddeebi'uu iv 1** come back

again and again or over and

over *dhukkubi kun natti deddeebi'e*

This same disease returns to me

over and over (i.e., recurs over

and over). **2** come often or

frequently *awuu ani dhukkubsadhe*

*deddeebi'e na gaafate* When I was

ill, he visited me frequently.

**deddeebii n** coming back  
(returning) several times in a  
day or day after day *foolisiin*  
*asitti deddeebii baayy'isa, maaliif*  
*laata, maal barbaada?* A police  
man is returning here over and  
over. Why, what does he want?

**deddeebisuu tv 1** do sth over  
and over again *deddeebisee qote*  
He plowed the land over and  
over again **2** cause sb to return to  
a place repeatedly, for instance,  
by lying down on a case instead  
of making the necessary decision  
soon *dubbii koo naa fixuu didanii*  
*na deddeebisu* They [the judges]  
refuse to close my case and  
make me go to their court over  
and over. **deebifachuu tv** take  
back *oolaa eega na kennee booda*  
*deebifate* He took back the sheep  
after giving it to me (as a  
present). **deebifamuu tv**  
(passive) be forced to return  
before reaching one's destination  
*foolisii dhaan karaa arraa*  
*deebifamne* We were forced to  
return by the police before we  
reached our destination. **deebii**  
*n* a party for a newly-wed  
couple, usu given by parents **2**  
answer, reaction, reply,  
response, or return; solution  
*deebii koo eegi* Wait for my return.  
*dubbiin kun deebii hin qabu* There  
is no solution to this problem. **3**  
change, i.e., the money retuned  
to a buyer who had paid , for  
lack of exact change, more than

what is due to the seller **deebii**  
**kennuu** *tv* 1 answer back 2 give  
 a change to the buyer **deebisa** *n*  
 answer, reaction, reply, or  
 response *cal jedhi gurbaa deebisa*  
*hin barbaadu* Shut up boy; I don't  
 want any reply. **deebisaa** *n* 1  
 Same as *deebii* above (3) above 2  
 furrow *mucaan koo deebisaa tokko*  
*qote* My little son plowed one  
 furrow, i.e., one way from one  
 end of land being plowed to  
 another end **deebisiisuu** *tv*  
 cause to return sth borrowed to  
*birrii koo naa deebisiisi* Make him  
 return my birr to me. **deebisuu**  
*tv* 1 return or give back sth to sb  
*eeboo koo naa deebisi* Give me back  
 my spear. 2 head sth/sb off, i.e.,  
 be in front of, so as to return it  
 back *dhaqii sa'a deebisi* Go and  
 head off the cattle. 3 (of bad  
 conduct) correct *itti iyyuun*  
*ijoollee hin deebisu* Shouting at  
 them does not correct children. 4  
 vomit/throw up *ol na deebise* I  
 threw up/vomited. 5 answer sb  
 back *dubbii natti hin deebisin*  
 Don't answer me back. 6 put  
 back where it belongs  
*maanqorqoraatti qadaadaa isaa*  
*deebisi* Put back the lid on the  
 kettle. 7 get return on, or give as  
 a profit *ashaboon koo haadha*  
*isaayyuu naa hin deebifne* I did not  
 get any return on the salt which  
 I had bought to sell at a profit. 8  
 repeat sth; do sth again  
*deebistee/deebiftee eerumte* She  
 remarried. *deebisanii mana*

*hidhaatii badan* They escaped  
 from jail again. *deebifnee gurgurre*  
 We resold it. *badee turee deebisee*  
*dhufe* It/He came back after  
 disappearing.

**deedaquu** Same as *tumuu* (1)

**deeffa** Same as *deeffuu* under  
*deeffachuu*

**deeffachiisuu** See *deeffachuu*

**deeffachuu** *iv* belch, burp, or  
 eruct, i.e., send out gas from the  
 stomach through the mouth *gatii*  
*quufeef deeffate* He burped  
 because he was full.

**deeffachiisuu** *tv* cause to burp  
*nyaati kun na deeffachiisa* This  
 food makes me burp. **deeffuu** *n*  
 1 belch or burping *deeffuun*  
*daa'imaa nama hin jibbiisuu* The  
 burping of a baby is not  
 disagreeable. 2 vomit, usu of  
 babies

**deeffii** Same as *deeffuu* under  
*deeffachuu*

**deeffoo** Same as *deeffuu* under  
*deeffachuu*

**deeffuu** See *deeffachuu*

**deega** See *deeguu*

**deegaa** See *deeguu*

**deegduu** See *deeguu*

**deeggera** Same as *deggoo* under  
*degga'uu*

**deeggeruu** Same as *degga'uu*

**deegsaa** See *deeguu*

**deegsuu** See *deeguu*

**deeguu** *iv* be/become destitute,  
 impoverished, indigent, or poor  
*deegdeetti* She has become poor.  
**deega** *n* extreme poverty **deegaa**  
*adj* (of a male human) extremely

poor Speaker A: *deegaaf maal dabala* What more would God give a poor man? Speaker B: *cittoo* scabies. **deegduu** *adj* (of persons) extremely poor *namicha deegduu* a very poor man *dubartii deegduu* a very poor woman **deegsaa** *adj* (of a male human or of anything that causes poverty) poverty-causing man *namicha deegsaa* a poverty causing man (i.e., he does so, for example, by eating or drinking every thing one has) **deegsuu** *tv* cause to become poor *fira baay'ee gargaaruutu akkana isa deegse* Supporting too many relatives made him so poor.

**deekfachuu** Same as *deeffachuu*

**deemaa** See *deemuu*

**deemicha** Same as *deemsa* under *deemuu*

**deemina** Same as *deemsa* under *deemuu*

**deemmachuu** See *deemuu*

**deemsa** See *deemuu*

**deemsisaa** See *deemuu*

**deemsisuu** See *deemuu*

**deemtuu** See *deemuu*

**deemuu** *iv* 1 go/push off; leave staying with sb *eessa deeman?*

Where have they gone? *nu biraa deemteetti* She has left us, i.e., she

doesn't live with us any more. 2 walk *iddoo tokko hin ijaajjin asii fi achi deemi* Don't stand in one

place; walk about or walk here

and there. *farda bitadhu; lafa hin deem*

*in* Buy a horse (and ride it);

don't walk. **deddeemuu** *iv* 1 go

to a place repeatedly and quite often 2 (of a man) go often to a woman with whom he has an affair *dhirri dubartiitti deddeemu niitii isaa dhaba* A man who frequents going to a woman with whom he has an affair will lose his wife. **deemaa** *adj* (of male humans) lecherous, lewd, licentious, or lustful, i.e., given to promiscuous sexual indulgence *dhirsi isee deemaa dha; kanaaf jalaa baate* Her husband cheats on her; that's why she left him. **deemmachuu** *iv* go for self instead of sending sb *intalli koo ijaa garaa na hin ciibsineefan gabaa ofuma kootii deemadhe* Because I don't have much confidence in my daughter's shopping I went to the market myself. **deemsa** *n* 1 journey or trip *deemsa jira* He is out on a journey. 2 walking *inni deemsa itti hin/him beeku karaa nu bulcha* He doesn't know how to walk (fast); we may end up spending the night on the way instead of reaching our destination in one day.

**deemsisaa** *n* diarrhea

**deemsisuu** *tv* cause to walk *farda koo ergifatee lafa na deemsisa* He

borrowed my horse and makes me walk. 2 have diarrhea

**deemtuu** *adj* (usu of female humans) lecherous, lewd, licentious, or lustful; see also *adeemuu*

**deentaa** *n* fear of public opinion

*deentaa hin qabdu* She has no fear

of what people may say about her.

**deeqqa'uu** *iv* (used of birds and chickens) defecate, shit  
*indaaqqootu asitti deeqqa'e* A chicken defecated here. **deeqqoo**  
*n* bird/chicken shit *deeqqoo*  
*indaaqqoo* chicken shit

**deequu** Same as *deeffuu* under *deeffachu*

**deeraa** Same as *gola* (1)

**deerawuu** *iv* be foolish **deeroo** *adj.*,  
*n* 1 foolish 2 a kind of (wild) animal

**deessee** See *dawuu*

**Deessee** *n* capital of Walloo, northern Oromiyaa

**deessiftuu** See *dawuu*

**deessistuu** Same as *deessiftuu* under *dawuu*

**deessisuu** See *dawuu*

**deessuu** See *dawuu*

**deettii** *n* marriage

**dee'uu** *n* 1 Same as *deeffuu* under *deeffachu* 2 (usu baby's) vomit

**deeyduu** Same as *deegduu*

**defelaa** See *defeluu*

**defeluu** *iv* be formless and spiritless **defelaa** *adj* foolish and spiritless

**degga'uu** *tv* prop sth up, usu stone mill; shore up or support  
*dhagaa daakuu deggoo dhaan deggaatee boqqolloo daakuu jalqabde*  
 She used a stone to prop up the millstone and began to grind the corn. **deggoo** *n* prop or support used to keep sth up or in place  
*dhagaa daakuu kanaaf deggoo naa*

*barbaadi* Find me a prop to keep this millstone steady.

**deggoo** See *degga'uu*

**dekkee** *adj* short; see also *gabaabaa*

**deqqeluu** *tv* roast grain, usu on embers

**de'uu** Same as *dee'uu*

**dibaa** See *dibuu*<sup>2</sup>

**dibaaba** *n* 1 Same as *dibaaboo* 2 the upper, i.e., the head part of a spindle

**dibaabee** Same as *dibaaboo*

**dibaabii** Same as *dibaaba* (2)

**dibaaboo** *n* parasol or umbrella, usu made of straw or palm leaves

**dibachu** See *dibuu*<sup>1</sup> and *dibuu*<sup>2</sup>

**dibala namatti galuu** Same as *dilboo namatti galuu*

**dibamaa** See *dibuu*<sup>1</sup>

**dibanna** Same as *dibata* under *dibuu*<sup>1</sup>

**dibaruu** (expression) response a cattleman makes to "welcome home" greeting when he brings cattle home, usu in the evenings, after tending them all day; cf., *nooruu*

**dibata** See *dibuu*<sup>1</sup>

**dibbee** See *dibbisuu*

**dibbeessa** *adv* (usu modifies rain) heavily and with drum-like sound *dibbeessa roobe* It rained hard.

**dibbiqii** *n* threshed *xaafii* before it is winnowed

**dibbisuu** *tv* beat, usu drum

**dibbee** *n* a small drum with leather stretched over the open side, usu held in one hand (by

girls) and beaten with the other hand; by extension, percussion instruments such as bass drum, tambourine, and timpani/kettle drums

**dibeeta** *n* ink

**dib gochuu** *tv* 1 (usu used of a wrestler) throw, i.e., hurl sb to the ground/floor *wal'aansoo kaleessaatiin natu isa dib godhe* I was the one who threw him in yesterday's wrestling. 2 kill instantly *diina isaanii dib godhanii bira darban* They killed their enemy instantly and passed on.

**dibicha** *adj, n* young bull *dibichi qonnaa hin geenye* The bull is too young to be yoked and work on the farm.

**dib jechuu** *iv* fall down instantly *kaballaa tokkoon dib jedhe* He fell down instantly with just one blow or slap!

**diboo** *n* 1 thicket or a thick growth of bushes *bosonuun diboo lixee dhokatte* The antelope got in the thicket and hid itself. 2 Same as *duba* or *duuba* (3)

**diboora** Same as *andaqii*

**dibuu**<sup>1</sup> *tv* rub sth on *dhadhaa itti dibi* Rub butter on it. *madaa kootti qoricha naa diban* They daubed medicine on my wound

**dibachuu** *tv* daub or anoint one's face, hair, etc. with oil, butter, etc. apply make-up;

apply sth to sth *qoricha itti dibadhu* Apply medicine to it for yourself. *maal mataa dibatte?*

What (cream, butter) did she

apply to her hair? **dibata** *n* cream; cosmetic, usu mixture of butter, perfume, or aromatic leaves, etc. *dibata qabdaa?* Do you have some cream (to spare)?

**dibamaa** *adj* 1 of sb/sth to which oil, butter, etc. is applied 2 of walls, furniture, etc. painted

**dibuu**<sup>2</sup> 1 bank, i.e., cover glowing embers or wood with ashes to ensure continued low burning usu at night *atuu abidda hin dibin hin rafin* Don't go to bed before banking up the fire. 2 bake/cook eggs, potatoes, sweet-potatoes, etc. in hot ashes *dinnicha koo dibadhuu?* May I cook my potatoes in hot ashes?

**dibaa** *n* 1 fire-wood or firebrand put under ash to ensure continued low burning 2 eggs, potatoes, etc. baked in hot ashes *dibaa dinnichaan jaal'a* I like potatoes baked in hot ashes.

**dibachuu** *tv* 1 bank a fire for self 2 cook/bake in hot ashes for self

**didaa** See *diduu*

**diddaa** See *diduu*

**diddama** Same as *digdama*

**diddeessuu** *tv* (used of eggs)

cause to become rotten or cause to addle *indaaqqoon koo anqaaquu shan diddeessite* My hen caused five eggs to addle, i.e., by not keeping them warm when sitting **diddoo** *adj* (of eggs)

addled or rotten *anqaaquu diddoo shanan kana baasii gati* Throw out these five addled eggs. See also *ajeessuu* (2).

**diddibboo** Same as *koobii*

**diddiga** See *diddiguu*

**diddigsuu** See *diddiguu*

**diddiguu** *iv*, *tv* **1** be sick; bring up,

disgorge, throw up, or vomit

*sareen sun asitti diddige deeme*

That dog vomited here and went away. **2** offend sb by saying sth

without considering its

implications *inni haasaa hin/him*

*beeku; waan hin taane of keessaa*

*diddiga* He doesn't know what

he's talking about; he just vomits

whatever comes to his mind.

**diddiga** *n* **1** vomit *diddiga saree*

dog's vomit *diddiga garaa dhaa*

*ka'e ilkaan hin deebisuu* (proverb)

Teeth cannot stop vomit that has

left the stomach and is on its

way up. **2** offensive talk

**diddigsuu** *tv* **1** cause to vomit **2**

say sth very offensive; see also

*ballaqqamuu*

**diddiimtuu** See *diimachuu*

**diddiiramuu** See *diddiiruu*

**diddiirrachuu** See *diddiiruu*

**diddiirsisuu** See *diddiiruu*

**diddiiruu** *tv* change/transform,

usu pen or enclosure, once in a

while *foonaa sa'aa yoom diddiiran*

When did they change the pen

for the cattle? **diddiiramuu**

(passive) be changed *foonaan*

*sa'aa diddiirameeraa?* Has the

cattle pen been changed?

**diddiirrachuu** *tv* change for self

*foonaa sa'aa isaa diddiirrate?* Has

he changed the pen for his cattle

for self? **diddiirsisuu** *tv* cause to

change; see also *geeddaruu*

**diddoo** See *diddeessuu*

**didhaa** *n* **1** revenge or vengeance

*ilmii didhaa abbaa isaa hin/him*

*baafne hin dhalatin* May a son

who cannot take vengeance

upon his father's enemy not be

born **2** inspiration **didhaa itti**

**gochuu** *tv* inspire *koolejii seenee*

*anattis didhaa godhe* His going to

college inspired me, i.e., to do

the same.

**didheessa** *adj* (of male humans)

aloof, quiet, stolid, or too

reserved, usu out of shyness or

timidity *an didheessa hin jaal' u*

*obboleessa koollee*. I do not like a

man who is timid/shy and aloof

even if he is my own brother.

**didibbee** See *didbbeessuu*

**didbbeessuu** *tv* level, i.e., make

soil piled in one place flat and

even **didibbee** *n* overgrazed

area, usu leveled by cattle

**didibbisaa** See *didibbisuu*

**didibbisuu** *tv* make a noise or

sound similar to that of a drum

**didibbisaa** *n* sound of a drum

**didichuu** *iv* (used of a sound

heard when people/animals run

or when rain and wind

approach) thunder, i.e., make

noise similar to that when

people/animals are running

*didichanii na bira darban* They

thundered past me.

**didoo** *n* Same as *didaa* under

*diduu*

**diduu** *iv* decline, refuse to accept

sth offered or do sth one is asked

to do, fail to function; reject,

spurn, or turn down *nyaachuu didde* She refused to eat. *gorso koo dhagawuu dide* He refused to listen to advice **arrabi nama diduu** *iv* be incapable of speech; dumb *eega dhukkubsatee asi arrabii isa dideera* Since his illness, he has become dumb. **iji arguu diduu** *iv* be blind or half-blind *dulluma ta'ee hin/him beeku iji koo naa arguu dideera* My eye sight is failing me; it could be due to old age. **didaa** *adj* (usu of animals that refuse to work) contumacious, disobedient, headstrong, intractable, obstinate, stubborn, obdurate, willful *sangaa didaa kana gurguru wayya* It is better to sell this unmanageable ox. **diddaa** *n* (usu takes *wal*) headstrongness, obstinacy, stubbornness, obduracy, willfulness that usu lead to a quarrel *haasaan akkanaa wal diddaa fida* This kind of talk will result in a quarrel. See also *wal diduu* under *wal*

**diftii** *n* earthenware or metal sauce pan

**digaluu** *n* node, knob, knot, protuberance, i.e., a swelling on a trunk of a tree

**digdama** *adj, n* twenty/20  
**digdama digdamaan** *adv* in twenty's *kana digdama digdamaan lakkaayi* Count this in twenty's.  
**digdammaffaa** *adv* twentieth /20<sup>th</sup> *ilmi isaa barattoota dhibba keessaa digdammaffaa baye* His son became 20<sup>th</sup> out of 100 students.

**digdaman** *adv* (takes *tokko*) about twenty/20 *sa'a digdamman tokko qabdi* She has about twenty head of cattle. **digdamii** used in counting twenty-one to twenty-nine *digdamii tokko, digdamii lama, digdamii sadi... digdamii sagal* twenty-one/21, twenty-two/22, twenty-three/23 ... twenty-nine/29. In some dilects, *digdama tokko, digdama lama*, etc., is common.

**digdammaffaa** See *digdama*

**digrii** *n* a stick for holding together the two clevis-like flat wooden boards on a plow

**diida** *adv* elsewhere/somewhere, i.e., at/in/to some other place, village, foreign country/place *bor diida deema* He is going to some other place tomorrow. *diida kaayi* Put it somewhere else. *diidatti gale* He has moved to some other place.

**diidaa** *adv* from some other country, village, or place *diidaa dhufe* He came from some other place. *nama diidaati* He is not from our place/village; he is an alien or he is a stranger. *biyya diidaa* a foreign country, village, or place

**diidama** Same as *digdama*

**diidgala** *n* wild cat (lit a cat that has refused to live with people)

**diifafa** Same as *utaalloo*

**diigaa** See *diiguu*

**diigala** Same as *diidgala*

**diigamuu** See *diiguu*

**diigdama** Same as *digdama*



**diiggachuu** See *diiguu*

**diiggala** Same as *diidgala*

**diigsisuu** See *diiguu*

**diiguu** *tv* **1** (used of structure or building) demolish, dismantle, or tear down *mana kana diigeen kan biraa ijaara* I'll demolish this house and build another one. **2** unroll sth already rolled up *andaqii kee diigii amma inni bal'atu na agarsiisi* Unroll your mat so that I can see how wide it is. **3**

(fig) dissolve, ruin, or wreck sb's marriage *haadha isaatii jedhee mana isaa diige* He ruined his marriage for the sake of his mother. *niitii halaltuu sanatu bultii koo diige* That woman (prostitute) ruined my marriage.

**diigaa** *n* a man who demolishes

**diigamuu** *tv* (passive) **1** be demolished / torn down **2** be unrolled

**diiggachuu** *tv* demolish/tear down for self *mana kee lafa koo arraa diiggadhu badi* Demolish your house (for self) from my land and get lost.

**diigduu** *n* a woman who demolishes **diigsisuu** *tv* cause to demolish or unroll *dargiin mana keenya nu diigsisee humnaan iddoo biraatti nu qubachiise* The Provisional Military Government made us demolish our own houses (home) and resettled us in another place by force.

**diilalla** See *diilallaawuu*

**diilallaawuu** *iv* (usu objects or human body) become/be cold

*sibiilli ala bule ni/in diilallaaya* Metal left outside the whole night feels very cold in the morning. **diilalla** *n* cold *diilalla keessa hin taa'in* Don't sit in that cold place. **diilallaayaa** *adj* cold *bishaan diilallaayaa kanaan arka hin dhiqadhu* I won't wash my hands with this cold water.

**diilalleessaa** *adj* (usu news) chilling or frightening *oduu diilalleessaa tokkon dhagaye* I heard chilling news. **diilalleessuu** *tv* **1** cause to feel cold *qorrii har'aa dhanna koo hunda diilalleesse* Today's cold weather made me freeze all over. **2** chill, i.e., depress, discourage, or disturb *oduun ani har'a dhagaye hedduu na diilalleesse* The news I heard today disturbed me a lot.

**diilallooftuu** *adj* (usu of females) cold, i.e., she doesn't show emotion such as warmth, affection, enthusiasm, etc.; laid-back and slow in doing daily routines *dubartii diilallooftuu* a cold, unresponsive woman

**diilallayaa** See *diilallaawuu*

**diilalleessaa** See *diilallaawuu*

**diilalleessuu** See *diilallaawuu*

**diilallooftuu** See *diilallaawuu*

**diilana** *adv* now; this time *ani*

*diilana dhufuu hin danda'u* I can't come now. *diilana ammoo maalan si godhe?* What have I done to you this time? See also *miillana*  
**diilloo** Same as *dallaa* or *daangaa*  
**diimaa** See *diimachuu*

**diimachuu** *iv* become red; redden  
*bunni diimateera* The coffee beans  
have become red. *booyichaan iji*  
*isee diimate* Her eyes were red  
with weeping. **didiimtuu** *adj* (of  
light complexion; fem and pl)  
light brown *dubartoota didiimtuu*  
women with light brown skin  
color *sa'a didiimtuu* red cows  
**diimaa** *adj* (of color; male) 1 red  
*sangaa diimaa* a red bull/ox 2 (of  
human skin color) very light  
brown *ilmi isaa diimaa dha* His  
son's skin color is light brown.  
**diimeffachuu** *tv* make red for  
self *ansosillaa dhaan harka isee*  
*diimeffatte* She made her hands  
red by applying henna to them.  
**diimeessaa** *n* iron rod made red  
hot and used for branding,  
cauterizing, or for drilling a hole  
in wood, etc., **diimessuu** *tv* 1  
(used of metal) make red hot  
*sibiila diimessee ittiin muka 'ure*  
He made the iron rod red hot  
and drilled a hole in wood. 2  
cause to be red *biyyoo diimaatu*  
*uffata koo diimesse* My clothes  
were stained with red soil (and  
became red). **diimilee** *adj, n* 1  
Same as *diimaa* above 2 red soil 3  
Same as *diimina* (2) below  
**diimina** *n* 1 redness; light brown  
*intalli isaa diimina qabdi* His  
daughter's color is light brown. 2  
lean/red meat *foon cooma arra isa*  
*diimina naa wayya* I prefer lean  
meat to fat meat. **diimtuu** *adj*  
(fem) red; light brown color  
*hoolaa diimtuu* a red sheep *intala*

*diimtuu* a girl with light brown  
color

**diimeffachuu** See *diimachuu*

**diimeessaa** See *diimachuu*

**diimessuu** See *diimachuu*

**diimilee** See *diimachuu*

**diimina** See *diimachuu*

**diimtuu** See *diimachuu*

**diin** *n* religion; belief

**diina** See *diinomsuu*

**diinagdee** *n* economy *yoo*

*jabaannee hojjanne diinagdee*

*keenya in/ni guddifanna* If we

work hard, we can develop our  
economy.

**diinaggee** Same as *diinagdee*

**diinomsuu** *tv* cause persons to be

enemies by pitting one against

another *namichattii sobduu*

*sanatuu nu diinomse malee anii fi*

*ati iryaa turre* That liar made us

enemies; otherwise, you and I

were good friends. **diina** *adj, n* 1

enemy or foe *diina keenya ni/in*

*mancaafna* We shall destroy our

enemies. 2 enemy, i.e., anything

that harms or injures

*wal'aalummaan diina keenya*

Ignorance is our enemy. 3

callous, cruel, or ruthless *akkuma*

*abbaa isaati; diina, nama hin nawu*

He is just like his father; he

doesn't show concern for others;

he is brute/callous. 4 belief;

religion; see also *diin*

**diinummaa** *n* hostilities

**diinqa** *n* bed-room

**diinummaa** See *diinomsuu*

**diirama** *adv* 1 early in the

morning *bor diirama kottu* Come

early in the morning tomorrow.  
2 morning, i.e., from sun rise to noon

**diiydam** Same as *digdama*

**diiyfafa** Same as *diifafa*

**dijinoo** *n* sledge-hammer

**dika** Same as *dhaanicha* under  
*dhaanuu*

**dikaawuu** *iv* be compost, i.e., be made into a mixture of decaying plants and animal excrement such as dung, dropping, etc., and used as fertilizer **dikee** *n* 1 compost 2 dried up dung, usu of cattle **dikeessuu** *tv* 1 make compost 2 dry cattle dung and use it as fire-wood

**dikee** See *dikaawuu*

**dikeessuu** See *dikaawuu*

**dikoo** Same as *gabaa*

**dilaala** See *dilaaluu*

**dilaaluu** *tv* tax, i.e., impose a tax on **dilaala** *n* tax

**dilba** *adj* bulky and heavy *ba'aa dilba kana ani danda'ee hin/him baadhu* I cannot carry this bulky and heavy load. *bullukkoo dilba qaba* He has a heavy cotton blanket.

**dilbaawuu** *iv* 1 be very fat *eega eerumtee booda dilboofte* She became real fat after she got married. 2 (usu applies to a stock of grain) be from previous year or years; see also *dilbii* below **dilbeessuu** *tv* 1 stock grain for future use 2 fatten animals before slaughtering them **dilbii** *n* 1 stock or hoard of grains from past harvest(s) *boqqolloo dilbii*

*qabna malee baranee hin qabnu* We have a stock of corn from previous harvest(s); we don't have corn harvested this year. 2 (usu of animals) fat *korma dilbii a fat bull dilbii baasuu* *tv* 1 Same as *dilbeessuu* above

**dilbata** *n* Sunday

**dilbeessuu** See *dilbaawuu*

**dilbii** See *dilbaawuu*

**dilboo namatti galuu** *iv* move into a friend's house to live there (permanently); room with sb free of charge *sadii ta'anii dilboo nutti galani* Three of them moved into our house to lodge with us.

**dilbuu** Same as *dilbaawuu*

**dildila** *n* bridge, i.e., a structure that provides a way across a river, etc.; see also *riqicha*

**dilgaasuu** See *dilga'uu*

**dilgaatii** See *dilga'uu*

**dilga'uu** *iv* 1 produce or give out a deafening sound; explode *roar leenci in/ni dilga'a* A lion roars. 2 [takes -*tii*; (fig)] scold *abbaan lafaa natti dilga'e* The landlord scolded me. 3 sprawl, i.e., sit or lie with the limbs relaxed and spread out *dilga'ee andaqii irra taa'e* He sprawled and sat on the mat **dilgaasuu** *tv* 1 cause to scold; explode or cause a deafening sound *qawwee dilgaase* He fired a gun and caused a deafening sound 2 pamper *abbaa keetu si dilgaasa* Your father pampers you. **dilgaatii** *n* explosion

**dil gochuu** *tv* tie sth firmly  
*gaangeettii gadhee sana dil godhi*  
*hidhi* Tie the notorious mule  
firmly.

**dilii**<sup>2</sup> *adj, adv* **1** numerous *daljeessa*  
*dilii fayyaatu midhaanitti nam'e.*  
Numerous baboons entered the  
crop. **2** (usu of rain) heavily *har'a*  
*bokkaa dilii roobaa oole* It has been  
raining heavily all day today.

**dilii**<sup>2</sup> *n* sin

**dillika** *n* ground or mashed  
chillies to which water and  
spices are added for flavor

**dilliquu** Same as *dillisuu*

**dillisuu** *tv* **1** pound (with force) to  
powder, pulp, or until grain is  
separated from chaff, husk, etc.  
*barbaree dillifti/dillisti* She is  
pounding the chillies. **2** (fig) beat  
harshly, beat a person or an  
animal to a pulp *sangaa isaa*  
*dillisee dhaye* He beat his ox  
harshly. **dillisa hidhuu** tie  
firmly; see also *dil gochuu*

**dilloo** Same as *dallaa*

**dil'uu** *n* afterbirth or placenta of  
animals

**dimbiitii** *n* a small, robin-like  
bird; probably red wax bill

**dimbilaala** *n* kind of spice,  
probably caraway (*carum carvi*)  
or coriander

**dimeii** *n* cotton seed

**dimimmisa** See *dimimmisuu*

**dimimmisaawuu** Same as  
*dimimmisuu*

**dimimmisuu** *iv* (applies only to  
the darker phase of twilight in  
the evening) dusk, i.e., become

dusk/dusky *dimimmiseeraa oolaa*  
*ol galchaa* It has become dusk;  
bring in the sheep. **dimimmisa** *n*  
evening dusk or twilight  
*dimimmisa dhufte* She came at  
twilight.

**dimisha** *n* gift or present taken to  
a newly married woman or a  
bride

**dimismisuu** Same as *dimimmisuu*

**dimshaasha** *adj* all *dimshaasha*  
*dubbii isaatu naa hin galle* I  
couldn't undersatand everything  
he said. See also *hunda*

**dimshaashumatti** *adv* altogether,  
entirely, completely or wholly  
*waanti inni amma dubbate*  
*dimshaashumatti soba* What he  
has just said is altogether a lie.

**dinbiiccee** Same as *dimbiitii*

**dinbiitii** Same as *dimbiitii*

**dinbilaala** Same as *dimbilaala*

**dindinii** Same as *battee*<sup>2</sup>

**dindinuu** Same as *foowu*<sup>1</sup> (1)

**diniina** *n* notice; announcement;  
warning

**diniina dursaa** *n* first warning  
given to an employee for  
inefficiency, incompetence, or  
for misconduct

**diniq** *n* wonder *waaqaa utubaa*  
*malee dhaabatuu, waa diniq*  
Wonder or miracle: a sky that  
stands without a pillar or any  
kind of support

**dinkii** *n* dwarf or midget

**dinnicha** *n* potato; spud

**dinniinu** *tv* relent or forgive  
*diinni namaaf hin dinniinu* An

enemy does not forgive; he is relentless.

**dinqaa** Same as *dinqii* under *dinqifachuu*

**dinqifachiisaa** See *dinqifachuu*

**dinqifachiisuu** See *dinqifachuu*

**dinqifachuu** *iv* be amazed, astonished, astounded, dumbfounded, flabbergasted, surprised, or be filled with wonder *gaafan rophilaanii arge baay'een dinqifadhe* When I saw an airplane for the first time, I was filled with wonder.

**dinqifachiisaa** *adj* amazing; wonderful *rophilaaniin dinqifachiisaa dha* Airplanes are amazing. **dinqifachiisuu** *tv* amaze, astonish, astound, dumbfound, or surprise *dubbiin kee na dinqifachiise* What you said amazed me. **dinqisiisaa** *adj* amazing; wonderful **dinqii** *n* amazing; wonder

*dinqii* See *dinqifachuu*

**dinqisiisaa** See *dinqifachuu*

**dinqisiisuu** Same as *dinqifachiisuu* under *dinqifachuu*

**dinquu** Same as *dinqisiisuu* under *dinqifachuu*

**dinsiree** *adj* (usu of females) charming; see also *haadha simboo* under *simboo*

**dinyii** *n* sulfur believed to cure scabies

**diph gochuu** Same as *dil gochuu*

**dikaalaa** (vulgar) *adj* bastard or illegitimate

**diquoo** Same as *diqqoo*

**dikka** Same as *diqqoo*

**diqqaa** Same as *xinnaa* under *xinnaachuu*

**diqqa diqqa** *adv* at times, occasionally, or once in a while *diqqa diqqa dhufti* She comes once in a while.

**diqqeettii** Same as *dibbiqii*

**diqqii** Same as *siicoo*

**diqqisiisuu** *tv* revolt, i.e., make one feel disgust for *foon coomaa na diqqisiisa* The sight of fat meat revolts me. See also *suukessuu* under *suuka'uu*

**diqqoo** *adv* suddenly *diqqoo dhuftan* They came suddenly

**diqqumaan** *adv* suddenly *diqqumaan nuu arraan baye* He came upon us suddenly. See also *diqqoo* and *tokkichaana* under *tokko*

**dira'aa** See *dira'uu*

**diraandisa** Same as *silmii/buniitoo*

**diraasisuu** See *dira'uu*

**diraatuu** See *dira'uu*

**dira'uu** *iv* be bellicose, belligerent, pugnacious, or be spoiling for a fight; pick a quarrel with sb *gurbaan kun gaaf hundumaa nama dira'a* This boy always picks a quarrel with sb **dira'aa** *adj* (masc) bellicose, belligerent, quarrelsome, or pugnacious *ilmi isaa dira'aa dha* His son is belligerent. **diraasisuu** *tv* cause sb to be bellicose, belligerent, or pick a quarrel with sb **diraatuu** *adj* (person) bellicose, belligerent, quarrelsome, or pugnacious *intalli isaa diraatuu dha* His daughter is bellicose *namicha*

*diraatuu kana* This wickedly quarrelsome man  
**dirbabsuu** *tv* fill a container only up to about 75% to 99% of its capacity **dirbaba** *adj* not full to the brim or to a full capacity (filled only up to about 75% to 99%) *aannan burcuqqoo guutuu hin/him barbaadu; dirbaba duwwaa naa kenni* I don't need a full glass of milk; give me only about three quarters of a glass.

**dirbaba** See *dirbabsuu*

**dirgoo** *n* part, portion, or share of sth, usu a meal allotted to a member of a family *dirgoo kee nyaadhu* Have your share of the meal

**dirihaa** *n* loose dress

**diriiraa** See *diriiruu*

**diriirfachuu** See *diriiruu*

**diriirsuu** See *diriiruu*

**diriiruu** *iv* (usu used of persons) stretch/sprawl, i.e., lie flat at full length as when one is relaxing *akkuma ojii dhaa galeen siree irra diriire* He sprawled on the bed as soon as he came back from work. **diriiraa** *adj* flat, i.e., having a broad, level surface and little depth *gundoon kun diriiraa dha* This straw basket is flat. *saanii diriiraa* a flat dish **diriirfachuu** *iv* stretch out and lie down *diriirfatee rafa* He stretches himself out and sleeps. **diriirfatanii taa'uu** *iv* 1 stretch the legs forward and sit *diriirfatee andaqii irra taa'e* He sat on the mat with legs stretching

forward. 2 *be/sit idle diriirfattee achi hin taa'in hojii hojjadhu* Don't sit there idle; work. **diriirsuu** *tv* spread out sth by unfolding or unrolling it *andaqii diriirsee natti agarsiise* He spread out the mat and showed it to me. *arka kee diriirsi* Spread you arms **dirree** *n* 1 ridge; plateau or table-land, i.e., flat, expanse of land, usu seen on a hill or a mountain; field 2 Same as *gooba* **dirree bawuu** *iv* be exposed; revealed *sobi isaanii amma dirree baye* Their lies and trickery are exposed now.

**dirmachuu** Same as *birmachuu*

**dirmammaawuu** *iv* be or become bruised or contused, i.e., injure without breaking the skin *in/ni dirmammaaye malee hin madoofne* He was only bruised; he was not wounded. **dirmammeessuu** *tv* bruise or contuse; cause sb/sth have weal or welt or wale *muka arraa kuftee millaa isee dirmammeessite* She fell down from a tree and bruised her legs. **dirmammuu** *n* wale/weal, or welt, i.e., a ridge or bump raised on the skin by a lash, a blow, etc. *dirmammuu alangaa ammayyuu dugda koo arraa ni/in mul'ata* The weals where the whips stripped me on my back, can be seen still.

**dirmammeessuu** See

*dirmammaawuu*

**dirmammuu** See *dirmammaawuu*

**dirmoo** *n* clew, i.e., a ball of cotton thread after it has been removed from the spindle

**dirmuu** *iv* 1 (takes *tii*) hurt oneself by thrusting oneself (accidentally or intentionally) on a pointed object *eebootti dirmee of ajjeese* He committed suicide by thrusting himself on a spear. 2 (fig) sit in one place as if one is thrust *asii fi achi sosocho'uu dhiisee dirmee gadi taa'e* Instead of moving around, he sat still.

**diroo**<sup>1</sup> *n* lineage

**diroo**<sup>2</sup> Same as *ro'oo*; see also *weessoo*

**diroo diroo** duplicative or multiplicative expression used, usu by children, for egging on fighting cattle

**dirqama** See *dirqamuu*

**dirqamuu** *iv* be compelled or forced *dirqameetu isee fuudhee?* Was he forced to marry her?

**dirqama** *n* obligation *diinagdee keenya guddifachuu dhaaf dirqama qabna* We have the obligation to develop our economy.

**dirqifamuu** *tv* be compelled *ni/in dirqifame moo jaalala isaatiin dhufe?* Was he forced or did he come willingly? **dirqii** *n* compulsion, force, or obligation *hojjachuun dirqii keenya* It is our obligation to work **dirqisiisuu** *tv* compel or force *yoo inni nyaachuu hin/him barbaanne hin dirqisiisin* If he does not want to eat, don't force him.

**dirqifama** Same as *dirqama* under *dirqamuu*

**dirqifamuu** See *dirqamuu*

**dirqii** See *dirqamu*

**dirqisiisuu** See *dirqamuu*

**dirra** *n* rib; rib meat

**dirree** See *diriiruu*

**dirribii** See *dirribsuu*

**dirribsuu** *tv* (used of cloth, strands of hair, threads) double, i.e., bend or fold in two and sew, braid, weave, etc. *kittaa isaa dirribsiifatee hodhiisifate* He had his shirt bent double and sewn. **dirribii** *adj* bent double *kittaan isaa dirribii dha* His shirt is double bent.

**diruu** *tv* string, i.e., put beads, pearls on a string *callee dirti* She is stringing beads.

**distii** Same as *diftii*

**do'acha** Same as *doowannaa* under *doowachuu*

**do'achiisuu** See *doowachuu*

**do'achuu** Same as *doowachuu*

**dobbbaa** *n* long horned cattle

**dobola** *n* 1 long, wide cloth / clothes 2 huge; big

**dobolee** *n* baggy pantaloons

**doboqaa** *n* 1 big child, calf, etc. 2 tax imposed on a new, incoming prisoner by inmates who are already there

**doboq gochuu** *tv* stab a person

**doddota** *n* kind of tree

**doddotii** Same as *doddota*

**dodo'oo** *n* sheep disease that causes swelling on their necks

**dofdofii** *n* roast maize/corn or horse beans fresh from the field

**doforii** Same as *dinyii*  
**doggomaa** *n* a kind of tree  
**dogoggora** See *dogoggoruu*  
**dogoggoraa** See *dogoggoruu*  
**dogoggorsiisuu** See *dogoggoruu*  
**dogoggorsuu** See *dogoggoruu*  
**dogoggoruu** *iv* be bewildered, confused, or be perplexed *isa ani itti hime dhiiftee dogoggortee waan biraa sitti himte* Because she was confused she told you something entirely different from what I had told her to tell you. **dogoggora** *n* mistake; confusion *lakkii kun dogoggora natti fakkaataa* I think this is a mistake. **dogoggoraa** *adj* confused *namichi kun dogoggoraa dha* This is a confused man. **dogoggorsiisuu** *tv* cause to be baffled, bewildered, confused, perplexed, or puzzled *mucaa hin dogoggorsiisin* Do not cause the child to be confused **dogoggorsuu** *tv* baffle, confuse, or perplex *dubbiin kun na dogoggora* This matter baffles or confuses me.  
**dogongora** Same as *dogoggora* under *dogoggoruu*  
**dogongoraa** Same as *dogoggoraa* under *dogoggoruu*  
**dogongorsiisuu** Same as *dogoggorsiisuu* under *dogoggoruu*  
**dogongoruu** Same as *dogoggoruu*  
**dogooggoo** Same as *gumbii*  
**do'ii** See *doowachuu*  
**dolla'uu** *iv* get wet *namichi kun eessatti dolla'ee dhufe?* Where did this man get wet? **dolleessuu** *tv*

drench, i.e., make wet all over *bokkaatu na dolleesse* I was drenched in the rain.  
**dolleessuu** See *dolla'uu*  
**doloolloo** *n* 1 gully, i.e., narrow channel naturally formed by rainwater 2 brook or rivulet that usu dries during the rainy season and appears when it rains *doloolloon walitti yaatee galaana taati* (saying) rivulets unite and become a sea.  
**dombii** Same as *dalgee*  
**domboo** *n* 1 unripe maize/corn stalk 2 Same as *ilkaan beeree*  
**domboshee** *adj* (female human) plumb and pleasant  
**dombososee** Same as *domboshee*  
**don'a** Same as *dondha* under *dondhoomuu*  
**donboo** Same as *gobocoroo*  
**dondaa** *n* 1 raincoat usu made of palm leaves used to protect people, usu shepherds from rain; see also *ducee* 2 Same as *goondaa*; see also *jaamaa*<sup>1</sup>  
**donda'aa** *adj* of elephantiasis legs and feet  
**dondha** See *dondhoomuu*  
**dondhoomuu** *iv* be or become frugal, closefisted, miserly, niggardly, or be stingy *dur arjaa ture dhiyoo dondhooma malee* He used to be generous; he became stingy recently. **dondha** *adj* closefisted, miserly, frugal, or stingy *namicha dondha akkanaa eenyutu jaal'ata?* Who would like such a stingy man?  
**dondhummaa** *n* miserliness,



stinginess, niggardliness  
*dondhummaa isaa hundatu beeka*  
Everybody knows that he is  
stingy.

**dondhummaa** see *donhomuu*

**dondii** Same as *donda'aa*

**donfoo** *adj* short, beautiful  
girl/woman

**dongoo** *n* old, fruit or berry  
bearing tree, usu coffee tree

**dongoraa** See *dongoruu*

**dongoramaa** See *dongoruu*

**dongoramuu** See *dongoruu*

**dongorsiisuu** See *dongoruu*

**dongoruu** *tv* dig, i.e., prepare land  
usu for raising crops **dongoraa** *n*  
a long stick with sharp metal on  
one end and a heavy round  
object (with a hole in the center)  
fitted to the other end to make  
the stick heavy and efficient for  
cultivating or breaking the soil  
**dongoramaa** *adj* (of farmland)  
tilled; cultivated *lafa dongoramaa*  
*cultivated land* **dongoramuu** *tv*  
(of soil) be broken, cultivated, or  
dug *lafti kun yoom dongorame?*  
When was this plot of land  
cultivated? **dongorsiisuu** *tv*  
cause to or make dig, cultivate,  
or till *lafa kana hunda maallaqa*  
*dhibbaan dongorsiise* He had all  
this plot of land cultivated for  
one hundred birr.

**donqa** Same as *dondha* under  
*dondhoomuu*

**donqaa** *adj* foolish

**doo'achuu** Same as *doowachuu*

**doobaneessuu** See *doobanuu*

**doobanuu** *iv* 1 Same as *doomuu* (1)

2 (used of a person who has  
been inactive for a long time)  
feel enervated *kaleessa hojii malee*  
*mana ooleen dhanni koo na*  
*doobanaaye* I was enervated  
yesterday because I spent the  
whole day without doing  
anything. **doobaneessuu** *tv*  
Same as *doomsuu* under *doomuu*  
2 cause to feel enervated  
*ayyaanni waggaa nama doobeessa*  
A holiday is usu an enervating  
day.

**doobbaa** *adj, n* 1 huge; big 2  
Same as *baajii*

**doobbaa** *n* cattle whose horns are  
long

**doobpii** *n* nettle; see also  
*gurgubbee*

**dooccoo** *n* 1 a large pot for boiling  
grain or for kneading dough 2  
Same as *sulle*

**dooda'uu** *iv* 1 be exhausted or  
worn out *farda barbaacha doodaate*  
She was exhausted by a search  
for the missing horse. 2 be  
slightly off; be a little crazy  
*dhiyoo dooda'e* He became slightly  
off recently. **doodessuu** *tv*  
exhaust; wear sb out; weary sb  
*ergaa dhaan na doodesse* He wore  
me out by sending me about on  
errands. 2 make or cause sb to be  
crazy, usu by drugging him/her  
*qorichaan isa doodessan* They  
made him crazy by drugging  
him. **doodoo** *adj* (usu of babies)  
innocent *kun doodoo dha maal*  
*beeka?* He is too young and

innocent; what does he know?  
See also *raatuu* under *raata'uu* 2  
foolish or stupid *namichi doodoon*  
*kun humtuu hin galuuf* This  
foolish man cannot understand  
anything.

**dooddoo** (vulgar) Same as  
*buqushaa*

**doodessuu** See *dooda'uu*

**doodoo** See *dooda'uu*

**doofa** *adj, adv* (takes *bokkaa*)  
heavy; heavily; torrential *eda*  
*doofa robe* It rained heavily last  
night. *bokkaa doofa keessa dhufe* He  
came in a torrential rain.

**doofaa** See *doofa'uu*

**doofa'uu** *iv* be illiterate or foolish  
**doofaa** *adj* ignorant and foolish;  
illiterate *ani doofaa kanatti hin*  
*eerumu* I won't marry this  
ignorant and stupid man. *angafii*  
*doofaa dha quxisuun loomaa dha*  
(girls' motto) A younger brother  
is more upright than an older  
one. **doofummaa** *n* ignorance;  
illiteracy *doofummaan diina keenya*  
Illiteracy is our enemy *qubee*  
*kenya sirritti barree, katabuu fi*  
*dubbisuu awuu dandeenyu*  
*doofummaa keessaa baana* After we  
learn our Afaan Oromo alphabet  
properly and begin to read and  
write, we have done away with  
illiteracy.

**doofummaa** See *doofaa*

**dookkoo** *adj, n* 1 distortion or  
twisting, i.e., twist out of the  
truth *dookkoo natti hin deebisin*  
Don't distort my motives. 2 (usu  
used of an act resulting from

ignorance or stupidity) evil,  
harmful, or injurious *hojiin isaa*  
*hundi dookoo dha* What he does is  
odd and harmful to sb (though  
he does it out of ignorance). See  
also *cookkoo dookummaa n*  
ignorance *yoom dookummaa baana*  
When will we free ourselves  
from ignorance? See also  
*doofummaa* under *doofaa*

**dookkummaa** See *dookkoo*

**doolachuu** *iv* 1 be stubby or short  
(applies to sth from which a part  
is cut) *eegeen saree isaa baay'ee*  
*doolate* The tail of his dog is  
shortened (after being cut off).

**dooluu** *adj* short and stubby, i.e.,  
shortened as a result of  
amputation *arki isaa dooluu dha*  
His hand is short. *eegeen isaa*  
*dooluu dha* Its tail is stubby.

**dooluu** See *doolachuu*

**doomaa** See *doomuu*

**doomsaa** See *doomuu*

**doomsuu** See *doomuu*

**doomtuu** See *doomuu*

**doomuu** *iv* 1 become blunt or  
dull, i.e., be without sharp edge  
*billaan kun doomeera* This knife  
has become blunt or dull 2 (usu  
used of holes in cows' teats)  
become clogged or closed for  
good *muchi sa'a kootii ni/in doome*  
My cow's teats are clogged/  
closed for good. 3 be slightly  
blind *iji jaarsa kootii doomeera;*  
*akka durii hin argu* My husband  
has become slightly blind; he  
cannot see as clearly as he used  
to. *iji kee ha doomu* May you be

blind. **doomaa** *adj* 1 blunt or dull  
*billaa doomaa* a blunt/dull knife 2  
 clogged /closed *muchaa doomaa*  
 clogged cows' teats 3 slightly  
 blind *ija doomaa* slightly blind  
 eye **doomsaa** *n* mastitis, i.e.,  
 inflammation of the udder  
**doomsuu** *tv* blunt, i.e., make or  
 cause to be blunt or dull *maaltu*  
*eeboo kee doomse?* What blunted  
 the edge of your spear?  
**doomtuu** *adj* 1 (of cows' teats)  
 clogged or closed *sa'a doomtuu*  
*sitti gurguran* They sold you a  
 cow the teats of which are  
 clogged or closed. 2 (diminutive)  
 blunt or dull *billattii doomtuu*  
*kana gatii kan biraa biti* Throw  
 away this useless, blunt knife  
 and buy another one.  
**doonii** *n* boat; ship *ani dur doonii*  
*argee hin/him beeku* I never saw a  
 ship before. **dooniin namaan**  
**cituu** *iv* suffer a shipwreck; (fig)  
 be extremely or desperately sad  
 as a result of sudden and  
 unexpected loss; be afraid; fear;  
 be scared; be shocked *gaafan du'a*  
*armee kootii dhagaye akka nama*  
*dooniin ittiin citeen ta'ee* When I  
 heard the death of my mother I  
 became shocked and desperate.  
**dooniyyaa** *n* jute sack  
**dophee** *adj* (usu of female) lazy;  
 slatternly or sluttish *niitii dophee*  
 a slut  
**dooqaa** *n* large, ornamental blue  
 beads that resemble Hawaiian  
 garland on the necks of children  
 who wear them; they are also

used for decorating gourds and  
 the like

**dooqee** *n* small, bamboo basket

**dooraa** Same as *goota*

**doorama** See *dooramuu*

**dooramuu** *iv* be elected to a  
 position of authority in *gadaa*  
 administration **doorama** *n*  
 elected official in *gadaa*  
 administration; authority  
**dooranii** *n* a distinct grade or  
 rank in *gada* system of  
 government **doorii** *n* 1 Same as  
*doorama* above 2 disciplinarian;  
 discipliner, usu enforcer of the  
 law in the *gadaa* system of  
 government

**dooranii** 1 See *dooramuu* 2

stagnant water

**doorii** See *dooramuu*

**dooromaa** Same as *dooramaa*  
 under *dooramuu*

**dooromuu** Same as *dooramuu*

**doorsisa** See *doorsisuu*

**doorsisuu** *tv* daunt; frighten sb  
 into doing sth or out of doing  
 sth; intimidate or threaten *hojii*  
*dhaan si baasa jedhee na doorsisa*  
 He (The employer) threatens me  
 with dismissal. **dorsisa** *n* threat  
 or intimidation *dorsisa isaa*  
*jibbitee biyyaa baate* She fled the  
 country because she hated his  
 intimidation.

**doosaa** *adj* (of babies or small  
 children) cute *mucaa doosaa* a  
 cute child

**doosha** *adj* beautiful *asheeta*  
*shumburaa; doosha bishhaan biraa*  
 (love song to a girl) as beautiful

as fresh chick-pea that grows near a river  
**doowachuu** *iv, tv* 1 mark, note, or observe carefully/well; pay close attention; see *dubbii ani sitti himuu kana doowadhu* Pay close attention to what I am telling you. *saawwan doowadheera; dheeduutti jiru* I have seen the cattle; they are grazing (where they are supposed to). 2 visit *pirezidentiin tokko biyya keenya doowatanii deebi'ani* A certain president visited our country and returned. **doo'ii** *n* 1 visit, usu made by daughter-in-law to her in-laws 2 theater; scene; play; act **doowannaa** *n* visit *biyya keenya doowannaa dhufan* He came to our country for a visit.  
**dooyaa** Same as *dooyyaa*  
**dooyyaa** *n* forum, i.e., a meeting place for discussion  
**dooyyoo** *adj, n* 1 bland *ittoo dooyyoo jaal'ata* He likes bland stew. 2 collective name for monkey  
**dophaawuu** Same as *doofa'uu*  
**doqna** Same as *dondha*  
**doqnoomuu** Same as *dondhoomuu*  
**doqnummaa** Same as *dondhummaa*  
**dor'aa** Same as *gowwaa* under *gowwoomuu*  
**dorbobbaawuu** *iv* be marked with a wale or weal *hirreen isaa dorbobbaayeera* His arm is marked with a wale. **dorbobbeessuu** *tv* cause wale or weal *lafti inni dugda koo alangaa dhaan na*

*dorbobbeessee ammayyuu ni/in mul'ata* The wale where his whips stripped me on my back are still there. **dorbobbuu** *n* wale or weal; see also *dirmammaawuu*  
**dorbobbeessuu** See *dorbobbaawuu*  
**dorbobbuu** See *dorbobbaawuu*  
**dorbocii** *n* kind of *xaafii*  
**dorcaawuu** *iv* be fat; see also *furdachuu*  
**doree** Same as *coree*  
**dorgaan dorgee** Same as *dorgommii*  
**dorgee** Same as *dorgommii* under *dorgomuu*  
**dorgoma** Same as *dorgommii* under *dorgomuu*  
**dorgommee** Same as *dorgommii* under *dorgomuu*  
**dorgommii** See *dorgomuu*  
**dorgomsiisuu** See *dorgomuu*  
**dorgomuu** *iv* compete with sb, usu in doing sth or running *kottuu figichoo dhaan naan dorgomi* Come and compete with me in running. **dorgommii** *n* competition *dorgommii dhaan mataa na baye* He beat me at a running competition  
**dorgomsiisuu** *tv* cause to compete by acting as a referee or umpire *kottuu nu lamaan figichoo dhaan nu dorgomsiisi* Come and umpire our running contest for us.  
**dororsuu** Same as *cororsuu* (1)  
**dorrobbaa** Same as *dorrobduu* under *dorrobuu*  
**dorrobduu** See *dorrobuu*

**dorrobuu** *iv* (applies to animals that are about to give birth) be pregnant *sa'i koo dorrobdeetti* My cow is pregnant (in fact she will give birth very soon).

**dorrobduu** *adj* (of an animal about to give birth) pregnant *rakkatee sa'a isaa isee dorrobduu gurgure* Because he has (money) problem, he sold his cow in calf/with calf.

**dor'uu** Same as *dhowwu*

**dorwachuu** Same as *dhowwachuu*

**dorwitu** *n* a woman who usu gets in the way of a girl who wants to get married

**doskannii** *n* a rain-bearing cloud

**dosoraa** *adj* (of male child) plump and cute

**dosoree** *adj* (of a female child) plump and beautiful

**dossoo** Same as *yosoo*

**dotii** *adj*, *n* 1 color in general 2 (of animals) light brown or blue black

**dottachuu** *iv* (applies to clothes being washed) wash so poorly that the clothes remain dirty and stained

**dotteenya** Same as *dotii*

**dow'acha** Same as *doowannaa* under *doowachuu*

**dow'achiisuu** Same as *doowachiisuu* under *doowachuu*

**dow'achuu** Same as *doowachuu*

**dow'ii** Same as *doo'ii* under *doowachuu*

**doyn'a** Same as *dondha* under *dondhoomuu*

**du'a** See *du'uu*

**du'aa** See *du'uu*

**du'aa'ii** *n* blessing; see also *eebba*

**du'a gawuu** See *du'uu*

**du'a gayii** See *du'uu*

**du'a kee** See *du'uu*

**du'a keessan** See *du'uu*

**du'a gawuu** See *du'uu*

**duba** *n* sheep's tail *hoolaa duba bitu* Sheep are bought for their cherished (when eaten) fatty tails. *oolaan gooftaa cimaa qabuu duba 'ala kaayee ciisa* (proverb) A sheep that has confidence in the strength of its master or owner exposes (through a crack in a wall) its tail to predators and sleeps.

**dubaree** *adj* Miss/Ms

**dubaroo** *n* girls; women

**dubartii** *n* 1 female, woman *sun dhiira moo dubartii dha?* Is that a man or a woman? 2 deflowered or disvirgined woman, i.e., one who has experienced sexual intercourse *ilmi koo maaliif dubartii fuudha?* Why should my son marry a woman who has already experienced sexual union (during previous marriage)? 3 (fig) coward *kun dubartii dha malee dhiira miti* This is a coward; he is not a man! **dubartummaa** *n* womanhood, i.e., emphasizes the unjust political and social treatment of women *dubartummaa koo ilaalanii daanyaa na gogchuu didan* They didn't make me a judge because I am a woman.

**dubartummaa** See *dubartii*

**dubbachiiftuu** See *dubbachuu*  
**dubbachiisuu** See *dubbachuu*  
**dubbachuu** *iv* 1 say, speak, or talk  
*natti hin dubbatin* Don't talk to  
 me. *eenyu inni kan kana dubbate?*  
 Who said this? *awuu jaarsi*  
*dubbatu dhaggeeffadhu* Listen  
 when an elderly man speaks.  
*maal cal jetta; dubbadhu* Why are  
 you so quiet? Say something. 2  
 scold *eda ani qarshii tokko gatee*  
*dhufnaan abbaan koo natti dubbate*  
 My father scolded me last night  
 because I came home after losing  
 one birr. **dubbachiiftuu** *n*  
 (neologism) vowel  
**dubbachiisuu** *tv* 1 cause to say,  
 speak, or talk *waan ani dubbachuu*  
*hin/him barbaanne na dubbachiise*  
 He made me say things I didn't  
 want to say. 2 keep company  
 with sb, usu by engaging  
 him/her in conversation *akka*  
*inni hin/him mukoofne dhaqii*  
*dubbachiisi* Go and keep him  
 company so that he won't feel  
 bored. 3 read (lit. make paper  
 talk) *mee xalayaa kana naa*  
*dubbachiisi* Read this letter for  
 me, please. See also *dubbisuu* (3)  
 below, which is more common  
 than this one. **dubbataa** *adj* of a  
 person who is a good speaker  
*nama dubbataa beekamaa* a well  
 known speaker **dubbatachuu**  
 Same as *aasa'achuuu*  
**dubbatamuu** *tv* 1 (passive)  
 spoken or already stated *isa*  
*dubbatame irra hin deebi'in* Don't  
 repeat what has been said or

stated already. 2 (of a girl)  
 engaged or already proposed to  
*intalli koo iseen tokko*  
*dubbamatteetti*. One of my  
 daughters has been proposed to.  
 See also *aasa'muu* under *aasa'uu*  
**dubbattuu** *adj* 1 (of persons)  
 good speaker 2 (of females)  
 talkative and boring  
**dubbifamaa** *n* (neologism)  
 consonant **dubbi guddeessa** *adj*  
 of a male human who has a glib  
 tongue; verbose; also a  
 precocious child whose  
 language ability is above  
 average *mucaa dubbi guddeessa* a  
 precocious child with above-  
 average language ability **dubbi**  
**guddeettii** *adj* of females who  
 are verbose; of a female with a  
 precocious language  
 development **dubbii** *n* 1  
 argument *dubbii jaal'ata* He is  
 argumentative. 2 idea or thought  
*dubbiin isaa naa hin galu* I don't  
 understand his ideas. 3 case, i.e.,  
 court case *xabaqaan kee dubbii kee*  
*sii fixee?* Has your lawyer settled  
 your case for you? 4 trouble *ani*  
*dubbii hin/him barbaadu* I don't  
 want any trouble. 5 intrigue,  
 plot, or sth fishy *dubbii bareera*  
 He has learned intrigue *dubbii*  
*inni hidhe namni hin hiiku* No one  
 can unravel his plot. *ani hin/him*  
*beeku malee asi dubbiiin jira*  
 Though I don't know what it is,  
 there is sth fishy here. **dubbii**  
**arbeessuu** *tv* exaggerate *dubbii*  
*arbeessa* He exaggerates. **dubbii**

**koruu** *iv* look for trouble; be trouble maker; look for a fight or quarrel **dubbisa** *n* drum **dubbisuu** *tv* 1 greet *atuu nan (na hin)* *dubbisin na bira darbe* He passed by without greeting me. 2 visit, i.e., see a person at home, hospital, etc. to show one's concern for *awuu ani dhukkubsadhe dhufee na hin (nan)* *dubbifne* He didn't visit me when I was ill. 3 read *bariisaa ni/in dubbiftaa?* Do you read *Bariisaa*, the weekly Oromoo newspaper? **dudubbachuu** *iv* (used of humans) make noise *eenyutu dudubbata?* Who is making noise?

**dubbataa** See *dubbachuu*

**dubbatachuu** Same as *aasa'achuu* under *aasa'uu*

**dubbatamuu** See *dubbachuu*

**dubbattuu** See *dubbachuu*

**dubbifamaa** See *dubbachuu*

**dubbi** *guddeessa* See *dubbachuu*

**dubbi** *guddeettii* See *dubbachuu*

**dubbii** See *dubbachuu*

**dubbii** *arbeessuu* See *dubbachuu*

**dubbii** *koruu* See *dubbachuu*

**dubbisa** See *dubbachuu*

**dubbisuu** See *dubbachuu*

**dubbuuysuu** Same as *budduqsuu*

**dub godhuu** *tv* cause to fall; put sth down with a bang *ba'aa isaa dub godhee lafa kaaye* He put down his load with a bang.

**dub jechuu** *iv* 1 fall suddenly and hit the ground with a bang *waatu mana arraa dub jedhe* Something

fell from the roof and hit the ground with a bang. 2 dismount / get down (*usu* from sth on which one has been riding) quickly *farda arraa dub jedhee dhufee na dhungate* He dismounted from his horse quickly, came to me, and kissed (greeted) me.

**duboo** Same as *duba*

**dubra** Same as *durba*

**dubrii** See *durbii*

**dubrummaa** Same as *durbummaa* under *durba*

**dubuq gochuu** Same as *waraanuu* (1)

**ducee** *n* raincoat made of straw or palm leaves, *usu* worn by shepherds

**duchee** *n* bitch, i.e., a female dog

**duchiisuu** See *duṭuu*

**dudda** Same as *dugda*

**duduba** Same as *dhoqqee* (1)

**dudubbachuu** See *dubbachuu*

**dufachuu** *iv* campaign, i.e., act or work together in hearty cooperation and determination to help sb or achieve a goal *akkuma jiranuun itti dufatanii mana isee ijaaraniif* They all worked in hearty cooperation and built a house for her. 2 invade, i.e., move or rush into as a group *daljeessi mindhaan kootti dufate* Baboons invaded my crop. 3 bear; tolerate

**duffa'uu** *tv* poison sb, i.e., kill or make very ill by means of poison

**dufkakaa** Same as *utaalloo*

**dufqaqaa** Same as *utaalloo*

**dugda n 1** (of human or animal body) back *kufee dugdi isaa cabe* He fell and broke his back. *dugdaan ciisi* Lie down on your back. *dubartooti Baalee caalaan isaanii ba'aa dugdatti hin/him baatanu; farda baachisu malee* Most Baalee women don't carry loads on their backs; they put their loads on horse back. **2** (does not apply to money) debt or credit, usu in the form of labor time *hojii guyyaa lamaa dugda narraa (na arraa) qaba*. I owe him two days' work. **dugdaa fi garaa ta'uu iv** (usu applies to ideas, thoughts, etc.) contradict; be diametrically opposed *yaadi jaraatii fi yaadi keenya dugdaa fi garaa ta'eera* Our ideas and theirs are diametrically opposed. **dugda baafachuu iv** pay back one's debt of labor time; retaliate *gurbattiin kun na rukkuttee hin haftu; 'af amman dugda baafadhaa!* This boy has hit me; never mind, I will retaliate. *bor hojjadheefiin dugda baafadha* I will work for him and pay my debt. **dugda baasuu iv** pay back one's debt in labor time *ani kaleessan sii hojjadhe; ati ammoo har'a dugda naa baasi* I worked for you yesterday; it is your turn to work for me today. **dugda bitachuu tv** rent, usu yoke of oxen or load animals *harree isaa dugda bitadheen gabaa dhaqe* I rented his donkey (for carrying goods) and went to the market. **dugda bituu**

*tv* rent *harreen kun keeti moo dugda bitte?* Is this donkey yours or did you rent him? **dugda fudhachuu iv** (applies to labor time only) make sb work for one with the understanding that one works for him/her for the same period of time *har'a dugda na fudhu* Let me work for you today with the understanding that you will work for me some other day. **dugda galuu iv** (usu takes *arraa*) turn one's back on sb; break what used to be good relationship *abbaa manaa isee arraa dugda galteetti* She has broken her relationship with her husband. **dugda gurguruu tv** rent out; lease sth, i.e., allow sb to use sth in return for payment *qotiyyoo kee boriif dugda natti gurguri* Rent me your yoke of oxen for tomorrow. **dugda kutaa n** back-ache **dugda nama kutu iv, tv 1** have back pain *gidduu kana dugda na kuta; waan ta'e hin/him beeku* I don't know what it is, but I have been having back-ache recently. **2** scare sb *waan sodaachisaa tokko itti himeetu naasuu dhaan dugda isa kute* He told him a frightening story and scared him. **dugda qabaa n** (of male) midwifery; delivery; also midwife **dugda qabduu n a** midwife; see also *deessiftuu* under **dawuu** **dugda wal fudhachuu iv** take turns to work for each other **dugdi nama cituu iv** be scared and shocked *naasuu*



*dhaan dugdi na cite* I was scared a lot.

**dugdee** Same as *daadoo*

**dugguluu** Same as *dibuu*<sup>2</sup> (2)

**dugoo** Same as *kaboochuu*

**dugudee** *n* 1 (of land) plain, i.e., flat area of land *farda kana awuu dugudee arra geessuu malee hin gulufsiisin* Don't make this horse gallop before you come to a flat area of land. 2 on the back side *kittaan koo dugudee dhaan baqaqe* The back side of my shirt was torn.

**dugugguruu** *n* 1 back-bone; spinal column or spinal cord 2 Same as *muka boqqolloo*

**duguuggaa** *n* Same as *daguuggaa* under *daguuguu*

**duguuggaa garaa** Same as *daguuggaa* (2) under *daguuguu*; see also *gara kutii*

**duguuggachuu** Same as *daguuggachuu* under *daguuguu*  
**duguuggii** See *daguuggii* under *daguuguu*

**duguugduu** *n* scraper; see also *daguuguu*

**duguuguu** Same as *daguuguu*

**du'i** See *du'uu*

**dukaaka** *n* nightmare

**dukkaa** Same as *duukaa*

**dukkaana** *n* shop, i.e., building where goods are sold; see also *suuqii*

**dukkana** See *dukkanaawuu*

**dukkanaawuu** *iv* 1 get or become dark; be murky *dukkanaayeeraa ol galaa* Get in; it is getting dark. *manni kun keessii ni/in dukkanaaya*

This room is dark. 2 pull a long face *waan iseen taate hin/him beekuu har'a fuulli itti dukkanaayeera* I don't know what happened, but she has been pulling a long face today.  
**dukkana limixii** *adj* completely dark, usu a dark, moonless night; pitch-dark  
**dukkaneeffachuu** *iv* stay / wait until it's dark *dukkaneeffannee adamoo deemna* We will wait until it gets real dark and go hunting.  
**dukkaneessuu** *tv* darken, i.e., make a place dark by shutting out the light *abidda dhaamsitee mana dukkaneessite* She extinguished the fire and made the room dark. *na fuul dura ijaajitee natti hin dukkaneessin* Don't stand between me and the light and make the place so dark that I can't see ahead of me.  
**dukkana limixii** See *dukkanaawuu*  
**dukkana durisa** Same as *dukkana limixii* under *dukkanaawuu*  
**dukkana durrisa** Same as *dukkana limixii* under *dukkanaawuu*  
**dukkaneeffachuu** See *dukkanaawuu*  
**dukkaneessuu** See *dukkanaawuu*  
**dukkoo** *n* a song sung usu while doing the daily chores in the house  
**dukkuu** Same as *dukkuudhaa*  
**dukkuudhaa** *adj* (usu of corn on the cob not yet harvested or firewood) neither fresh nor completely dry; not quite dry; half-fresh or half-dry *boqqolloo*

*dukkuudhaa* rather dry corn on the cob *qoraan dukkuudhaa* half-dry firewood  
**dukukuu** *iv* (sky) become cloudy  
*waaq ni/in dukuke* The sky has become cloudy.  
**dulaaba** *n* cupboard  
**dulbee** Same as *bosonuu*  
**dullaa** See *dulla'uu*  
**dullacha** See *dulloomu*  
**dullachummaa** Same as *dulluma* under *dulloomu*  
**dullatii**<sup>1</sup> See *dulloomu*  
**dullattii**<sup>2</sup> *n* name of the 10<sup>th</sup> day of a month  
**dulla'uu** *tv* hit with club or cudgel  
*harree dulla'e* He hit the donkey with a cudgel. **dullaa** *n* club, cudgel, or knob-kerrie  
**dulloomaa** See *dulloomu*  
**dulloomsuu** See *dulloomu*  
**dulloomtuu** See *dulloomu*  
**dulloomu** *iv* age, become /get/ grow old **dulloomteetti**  
*She has aged. manni koo baay'ee*  
*dulloomeera* My house has become very old. **dullacha** *adj* (usu of male animals, usu bull or ox) **1** old *sangaa dullacha* an old ox **2** huge *sangaa dullacha tokko qaba* He has a huge bull. **dullattii** *adj* (of female animals, usu cows) old; huge **dulloomaa** *adj* (of male humans, animals, or of things) aged, decrepit, or old *sangaa dulloomaa natti gurgure* He sold me an old ox. **dulloomsuu** *tv* cause to age; make old *ijoollee baay'ee guddisuun dafee nama dulloomsa* It seems that bringing

up many children makes one age fast. **dulloomtuu** *adj* (usu of female animals or humans) aged; old *jaartii dulloomtuu* an old woman *sa'a dulloomtuu* an old cow **dulluma** *n* age, i.e., old age *dulluma ta'ee hin/him beeku iji koo akka durii naaf hin argu* May be it has to do with age for my sight is not as good as it used to be

**dulluma** See *dolloomu*  
**duma** Same as *duba*; see also *duboo*  
**dumaansoo** Same as *duumessa* under *duumessaawuu*  
**dumashi** **1** Same as *sayyuu* **2** traditionally, a man who inherits the wife of his deceased brother  
**dumbulloo** *adj, n* **1** (of a young woman) chubby and plump in a pleasant way **2** a ten-cent coin  
*dumbulloo laman* twenty cents  
**dumee** Same as *duma*  
**dumucoo** *n* a variety of local bread  
**dumunyii** *adj, n* **1** short and beautiful *intala dumunyii* short and beautiful girl **2** an ivory ornament worn round the neck, the upper arm (between elbow and shoulder), and the ankle  
**dunfura** *n* (of hair style) Afro  
**dunfurii** *n* (of clothes) ornamental border; fringe  
**dungoo** *n* taper, torch, or link made of bee-wax or animal fat; flambeau, spill, etc. used as a torch  
**dungujee** *adj* (of females) charming

**duniyaa** *n* worldly, material wealth  
**dunkaana** *n* tent *dunkaana asitti dhaabani* They pitched a tent here.  
**dunna** Same as *duta* under *dutuu*  
**dunnaa** Same as *dunna*  
**dunnuu** *n* a term of endearment women use to address each other  
**dunquqqaawuu** *iv* be disoriented or stuporous after waking up with a start *amma irribaa ka'e; kanaaf dunquqqaaya* He has just woke up; that is why he is being stuporous. **dunquqqaayaa** *adj* (of males) disoriented; stuporous  
**dunquqqeessuu** *tv* disorient or disoriented *maaltu akkana isee dunquqqeessa?* What is it that disorients her so much?  
**dunquqqii** *n* confusion or disorientation immediately after waking up from sleep; stupor *dunquqqitti jira* He is in stupor which is the result of feeling sleepy. **dunquqqooftuu** *adj* (of persons who wake up from sleep) disoriented or stuporous *intala dunquqqooftuu* a disoriented girl  
**dunquqqeessuu** See *dunquqqaawuu*  
**dunquqqii** See *dunquqqaawuu*  
**dunquqquu** Same as *dunquqqii* under *dunquqqaawuu*  
**dunqura** *n* grain finely pounded in a mortar  
**dunuunfachuu** *iv* 1 shut or close the eyes *akka saamunaan ija kee si*

*hin gubne dunuunfadhu* Close your eyes so that the soap suds won't burn your eyes. 2 steel oneself or one's heart to do sth *dunuunfate diina isaattii deeme* He steeled himself and faced his enemy. *dunuunfattee abidda lixxee mucaa isee baafatte* She steeled herself, jumped into the flame, and saved her child. 3 sleep; take a nap *abbaan keessan dunuunfateera itti hin wacinaa* Your father is sleeping; don't make noise. **dunuunfannaa** *n* closing the eyes; steeling oneself; nap or sleep  
**dunuunfii** Same as *dunuunfannaa* under *dunuunfachuu*  
**dunyitii** Same as *tasa* (2); in general  
**duphawuu** *tv* plaster a wall, usu with mud **mana duphoo** *n* a plastered house  
**duphoo** *n* cream of fresh corn eaten as soup  
**dur** *adv* 1 at first; before, i.e., in the past *dur naa hin galle ture* I didn't understand it at first. 2 already *dur findhe* We have finished it already. *dur qophoofne* We are ready already. **dura** *adv* 1 first, i.e., before some other time or before anyone / anything else *dura arka kee dhiqadhuu nyaadhu* Wash your hands first, and then eat. *isa kamtu dura dhalate?* Which one was born first? 2 in front of; ahead of *na dura manaa baye* He left the house ahead of me. *na dura hin ijaajjin* Do not stand in

front of me (and block my line of vision). **duraan** *adv* at first  
*duraan natti himuu barbaadee*  
*booddee garaa gara galfate* He  
 wanted to tell me at first, but  
 later on he changed his mind.  
**duraan dursuu** *adv* (though an  
 adverb in function, form wise it  
 can be conjugated just like a  
 verb) do first of all or first and  
 foremost *duraan dursinee oduu*  
*isin dhageessifna* First of all, here  
 is the news. *duraan dursee waanti*  
*ani isinitti himuu barbaadu ...*  
 What I would like to tell you  
 first and foremost is ... **dura**  
**bu'uu** *iv* walk or go ahead of  
 every body else; lead people  
**dura taa'aa** *n* chairman or  
 chairperson **duratti** *adv* in front  
 of *ijoollee duratti waan akkanaa hin*  
*dubbatinaa* Don' say things like  
 that in front of children. **durii**  
*adj, adv* old, i.e., belonging to  
 past times; ancient *inni nama*  
*duriiti* He is a man of the past.  
*konkolaataan durii jabaa dha* Old  
 model cars are strong. *farsoon kee*  
*akka durii miti* Your beer is not  
 what it used to be. *manni isaa*  
*iddoo durii jiraa?* Is his house still  
 in the same old place (or has he  
 built another one elsewhere)?  
**dursuu** *tv* 1 put sth before, over,  
 or above sth else *fedhii saba*  
*keenya haa dursinuu* We have to  
 put the interests of our society  
 before anything else. 2 Same as  
*duroomsuu* (1) 3 be the first on a  
 queue, in a waiting room, etc.

*natu si dursa; ati amma dhufte* I'm  
 ahead of you/the first on line;  
 you have arrived just now  
**duruu** *adv* 1 all along, i.e., from  
 the start *akka inni du'uu duruu*  
*beekkadheera* All along, I have  
 had the hunch that he would  
 die. 2 in the first place *duruu*  
*iseen maal balleessite?* What was  
 her fault in the first place?

**dura** See *dur*

**duraa** *prep* 1 from one's  
 possession, i.e., indicates loss  
 that entails grief, unhappiness,  
 etc. *irsaasiin koo na duraa cabe* My  
 pencil is broken. *qonnaan isaanii*  
*duraa bade* Their crop is ruined.  
*ilmatu duraa du'e* He lost a son. 2  
 indicates moving/removing  
 sth/sb away from *dhugaatii sana*  
*isa duraa kaasi* Remove that drink  
 from his sight! *na duraa jedhi*  
 Move away from my line of  
 vision.

**duraan** See *dur*

**duraan dursa** Same as *duraan*  
*dursuu* under *dur*

**duraan dursuu** See *dur*

**dura bu'aa** Same as *dura taa'aa*  
 under *dur*

**dura-bu'uu** See *dur*

**dura dursoo** Same as *duraan dursa*  
 under *dur*

**dura taa'aa** See *dur*

**dura teessoo** Same as *dura taa'aa*  
 under *dur*

**duratti** See *dur*

**durattuu** Same as *duruu* under *dur*

**dura'uu** *tv* tie together, usu  
 animals or things

**durba** *n* 1 daughter *dhiira lamaa fi durba tokko qaba* He has two sons and one daughter. 2 young, unmarried girl; virgin; maiden *durba fuudhe* He married a young girl (onewho has never been married before). **durba duudaa** *n* a virgin girl **durbummaa** *n* 1 virginity *durbummaa isee eenyutu arraa fudhate?* To whom did she lose her virginity? 2 girlhood, i.e., the time and state of being a girl *eega dhirsi durbummaa kootii du'ee asi ani takkaa natti tolee hin/him beeku* Since the death of my first husband (i.e., the one I married when I was a young girl), I have never been happy. **durrbummaa arraa fudhachuu** Same as *fullaasu* (3)

**durba duudaa** See *durba*

**durba qarree** Same as *durba duudaa* under *durba*

**durbii** *n* cousin, i.e. the son or daughter of one's uncle or aunt

**durbummaa** see *durba*

**duree**<sup>1</sup> Same as *goorroo*

**duree**<sup>2</sup> *adj, n* 1 (of female humans) first-born; eldest; cf., *angafa* (1) which applies to both boys and girls 2 Same as *roggee*

**duree**<sup>3</sup> a set of two *buusaa* (2) under *bu'uu*

**dureessa** Same as *sooressa* under *sooromuu*

**dureettii**<sup>1</sup> *adj, n* 1 a term of endearment used by a man when addressing a woman with whom he has been in amorous relationship for a long period of

time *dureettii koo asi taa'i* Sit here, dear 2 rich woman; see also *soorettii* under *sooromuu*

**dureettii**<sup>2</sup> *n* name of the 9<sup>th</sup> day of a month

**dureeysa** Same as *dureessa*

**durii** See *dur*

**durjii**<sup>1</sup> *adj* (of a person) untrained or unskilled

**durjii**<sup>2</sup> *n* drawer of furniture

**duroo** *n* a set/a group of five *buusaa* (2) under *bu'uu* Five *duroo*'s means  $5 \times 6 = 30$  sheaves *xaafiin buusaan shan duroo tokko* Five *buusaa* of *xaafii*, i.e., thirty sheaves of *xaafii* (1) makes one *duroo*

**durooma** Same as *sooroma* under *sooromuu*

**duroomsuu** *tv* 1 let sb pass or go first *isee duromsi; ni/in jerjerti natti fakkaata* Let her go first; I think she is in a hurry. 2 cause to be rich *yoo jabaannee hojjanne biyya keenya ni/in duroomsina* If we work hard we can make our country rich. See also *sooromsuu* under *sooromuu*

**duroomuu** Same as *sooromuu*

**dursaa** *n* pommel of a saddle

**dursaa duubaa** *n* cantle of a saddle

**dursuu** See *dur*

**durumaa** Same as *duruu* under *dur*

**duruu** See *dur*

**duta** See *dutuu*

**dutiinsa** Same as *duta* under *dutuu*

**dutuu** *iv* 1 (applies to baboons, deer, or dogs) bark, i.e., give a cry of *sareen eda maal argitee dutaa bulte*? What did the dogs see last night that they kept on barking all night? 2 shout at sb angrily *maa akkana natti duta*? Why does he shout at me like that?

**duchiisuu** *tv* cause to bark *saree kana maaltu akkana isa duchiisa*? What makes this dog bark like that? **duta** *n* barking *duta saree dhagayeera, ka'uun daxxabe malee* I did hear the barking of a dog, but I just couldn't get up (to check why the dog was barking).

**duuba**<sup>1</sup> Same as *duba*

**duuba**<sup>2</sup> *adv* 1 (applies to a level place as opposed to *goda* or *ol*) in that direction or somewhere there *duuba kana gayeen deebi'a* I will go somewhere and come back. *duuba sana taa'i* Sit somewhere there. 2 behind, i.e., in the rear *na duuba hin ijaajjin* Don't stand behind me.

**duubanaa** *adv* from somewhere there *duubanaa dhufti* She is coming from there.

**duuba**<sup>3</sup> *n* the exterior part or the outer surface of clothes, jars, etc. *uuroon kun duubii isaa gur'aacha; keessi isaa diimaa dha* This jar's exterior surface is black, and its inner surface is red. *kootiin isaa keessi isaatii fi duubi isaa hin/him beekamu* His coat is reversible, i.e., it can be worn on both sides

**duubaa** *adv* from that direction/there *duubaa dhufe* He came from there.

**duubana** See *duuba*<sup>2</sup>

**duubee** *n* credit, i.e., an agreement to pay for goods and services later on *kittaa kana duubee dhaan bitattee*? Did you buy this shirt (for self) on credit?

**duuchaatti** See *duuduu*<sup>1</sup>

**duuchuu** See *duuduu*<sup>1</sup>

**duudaa** See *duuduu*<sup>1</sup>

**duuddoo** *n* coffee beans/berries with the shell or outer covering on *buna duddoo naa biti* Buy me coffee beans with shell on.

**duudee** *n* a five-cent coin

**duudhaa** *n* culture *akka duudhaa oromootti awuu firri ofii du'u kirri adii mormatti hidhatanii gaddu* In Oromo culture, a person mourns the death of his/her relative by wearing a white string (thread) round the neck. See also *aada*

**duuduu**<sup>1</sup> *iv* 1 be or become deaf *gurri isaa eega duudee waggaa lama* It has been two years since he became deaf. 2 be closed or filled, usu used of holes *boolli duudeera* The pit has been filled. *huraan gurra isee deebi'ee duude* The hole where her ear had been pierced became obliterated/closed again. **duuchaatti** *adv* in general; as a whole **duuchuu** *tv* 1 fill, stop up, or cover a hole, cavity, etc. *manni kun in/ni dhimmisaa duuchi* The roof of this house leaks, so cover the hole in it. *boolla xaddee undumaa duuchaa*

fill all the porcupine holes. **2**  
 deafen *waci ijoollee iddoo kanaa*  
*gurra nama duucha* The chattering  
 of the kids around here is  
 deafening! **duudaa** *adj* **1** deaf  
*inni duudaa dha hin dhagawuu* He  
 is deaf; he can't hear. *duudi* May  
 you (sing.) become deaf. *duudaa*  
 May you (pl/hon) become deaf.  
**2** innocent, i.e., knowing nothing  
 of evil, usu applies to babies or  
 young children *mucaan duudaa*  
*dhawoo maal beeka?* What does he  
 know? He is only an innocent  
 baby. **3** solid, i.e., not hollow  
*muka duudaa* a solid wood

**duuduu**<sup>2</sup> Same as *naqachuu* (**2**)  
 under *naquu*

**duufaa** See *duufuu*

**duuffisuu** See *duufuu*

**duufuu** *iv* bend, hang down,  
 incline, or totter, i.e., be almost  
 falling or collapsing *manni isaa*  
*duufeera; jiguuf* His house has  
 tottered; it is about to collapse.  
**duufaa** *adj* inclined, slanted, or  
 tottering, usu of an object in an  
 upright position *mana duufaa* a  
 tottering house **duuffisuu** *tv*  
 cause to bend, ripple, totter, or  
 undulate *qilleensa edaatuu citaa*  
*kana duuffise* Last night's wind  
 made this tall grass bend.

**duugda** Same as *dugda*

**duuggaa** Same as *daguuggaa*  
 under *daguuguu*

**duuguu** Same as *daguuguu*

**duukaa** See *duukaa bu'uu*

**duukaa bu'u** *iv* follow or pursue,  
 i.e., go or come after sb who is

going forward; move behind in  
 the same direction *eega ani karaa*  
*jalqabee booda na duukaa buutee*  
*natti kennite* She followed me  
 and gave it to me after I had  
 started my journey. **duukaa** *prep*  
 with, i.e., following or going  
 after *isa duukaa kottu* Follow him  
 and come. *duukaa badde* She ran  
 away with him. *wal duukaa du'an*  
 They died one after the other. *na*  
*duukaa bu'e* He followed me, and  
 we went together. **duukaa ooluu**  
*iv* **1** be together *har'a na duukaa*  
*oolte* She was with me today. **2**  
 refuse to admit, confess, or  
 acknowledge defeat, usu in an  
 argument *namni dubbii duukaa*  
*oolu hin jaal'atamu* People who  
 don't admit defeat in an  
 argument, are not liked.

**duula** See *duuluu*

**duulaa** See *duuluu*

**duulchaa** See *duuluu*

**duulchisuu** See *duuluu*

**duullii** See *duuluu*

**duullun jechuu** *iv* admit defeat in  
 a game; surrender

**duultuu** See *duuluu*

**duuluu** *iv* **1** go to a battle field or  
 front to fight; campaign  
*bilisummaa isaanitiifi ha duulanu*  
 They must go and fight for their  
 freedom and independence.  
*wal'aalummaatti duullee biyya*  
*kenyaa isa balleessina* We will  
 campaign against illiteracy and  
 eradicate it from our country. **2**  
 swarm, i.e., go/come to a place  
 or be present in large numbers

*daljeessii mindhaan kootti duule*  
 Baboons swarmed into my crop.  
**duula** *n* front or war, i.e., the  
 actual fighting place *duula deeme*  
 He has gone to the front. **duulaa**  
*n* (male) campaigner, militia, or  
 soldier **duulchaa** *n* military  
 commander **duulchisuu** *tv*  
 guide or lead to a front; be in  
 charge of or command *nu*  
*duulchisaa diina keenya in/ni*  
*barbadeessinaa* Lead us to the  
 battle field; we shall annihilate  
 our enemies. **duullii** *n* campaign  
 or war *barana duullii jira* There  
 will be a war this year. **duultuu**  
*n* (usu female) campaigner,  
 militia, or soldier

**duumeeyisa** Same as *duumessa*  
 under *duumessaawuu*

**duumessa** See *duumessaawuu*  
**duumessaawuu** *iv* (used of sky)  
 become cloudy *roobuuf fakkaata*;  
*duumessaayeera* It has become  
 cloudy ; it seems that it's going  
 to rain. **duumessa** *n* cloud *ani*  
*duumessa bookkaa fidu nan beeka* I  
 know the kind of cloud that  
 brings rain.

**duuni** Same as *du'i* under *du'uu*  
**duuqqessuu** *tv* (usu applies to  
 grinding, plowing, or weeding)  
 botch up; spoil by poor  
 workmanship *isa ati akkana*  
*duuqqessitee bira dabarte kana*  
*eenyutuu sii qota?* Who will plow  
 for you what you have botched  
 up so much and passed!

**duuti** Same as *du'i* under *du'uu*

**duutuu** See *du'uu*

**du'uu** *iv* 1 die *yoom du'e?* When  
 did he die? *du'eeraa* Has he/it  
 died? *duuteetti* She has died. 2  
 promise (one's life) to do or not  
 to do sth; swear *du'i nan dhufa* I  
 promise, I will come. *abbaan koo*  
*ha du'uu hin nyaadhu* I swear, by  
 my father's life, I won't eat. **du'a**  
*n* 1 death *du'a hin sodaatina, hin*  
*ooluu* Do not be afraid of death;  
 it is inevitable *kan hin oolle du'a*;  
*kan sodaatanus du'a* What is  
 inevitable is death; what people  
 are afraid of is also death. *du'a*  
*lama du'e* He died twice: the  
 actual physical death and the  
 miserable life he had led - life  
 which was no better than death  
 itself. **du'aa** *adj* (masc) carcass;  
 good for nothing, stupid, or  
 useless *du'aan kun maal asii*  
*godha?* What is this useless man  
 doing here? **du'a gawuu** *iv* go to  
 a funeral **du'a gayii** *n* funeral;  
 wake *du'a gayii deeman* They  
 have gone to a funeral; see also  
*booyicha* (2) under *boowuu* 2  
 (takes *kee* or *keessan*) swear word  
 used when sb promises to  
 do/refuses to do sth  
 emphatically **du'a kee** (when  
 speaking to one person) *du'a kee,*  
*nama tokkottiyyu hin himu* I  
 swear, I won't tell anyone **du'a**  
**keessan** a swear word used  
 when speaking to pl/honorific  
*du'a keessan, nama tokkottiyyu hin*  
*himu* I swear I won't tell anyone  
**du'i** *n* 1 death *du'i isaa baay'ee na*  
*boossise* His death made me cry a



lot. 2 a swear word used when speaking to a sing., you *du' I*

*nama tokkottiyyuu hin himne* I swear I didn't tell any one.

**duutuu** adj (usu of female) good for nothing; useless *niitii duutuu* a worthless woman

**duuyda** Same as *dugda*

**duwida** Same as *dugda*

**duwwaa** See *duwwachuu*

**duwwaanta** See *duwwaa*

**duwwachiisuu** see *duwwachuu*

**duwwachuu** *iv* be empty

**duwwaa** *ajd, adv* 1 only *isa duwwaatu dhufe* He is the only one who came. *marga duwwaa nyaata* He eats only grass. 2 empty, i.e., having nothing inside, in one's hand, etc. *uuroon kun duwwaa dhaa?* Is this jar empty? *arka duwwaa dhufe* He came empty-handed. *afaan duwwaa manaa baye* He left home with an empty stomach. *mana duwwaatti dhiiftee deemte* She left the house empty (with nobody to guard it) and went away. *barana lafa isaa duwwaa baase* This year he left his land fallow. *afaan duwwaan humaa naa hin godhu* Empty promises alone won't help me. 3 full of *lafti Buree qonnaa duwwaa dha* The land in Bure is full of farms. *qodaan kun tisiisa duwwaa ta'e* This container became full of flies. *katamaan keenya mana qorqorroo duwwaa ta'eera* Our town has become full of houses, the roofs of which are covered with corrugated iron.

**duwwaanta** *n* emptiness

**duwwachiisuu** *tv* cause to be empty

**duwwitii** *n* mirror; see also

*daawwii; daawitii; ofilaalii*

## dh/DH

**dha** (enclitic, i.e., usu follows certain adjectives, nouns, pronouns, or infinitive) *am; is; are sangaan kun diimaa dha* This ox is red. *har'i wixata* Today is Monday. *ana miti; isee dha* It is not me; it's she. *jarri qottuu dha* They are farmers. *rafiitii baay'isuu dhiisanii hojjachuu dha* It is better to work than to sleep too much. *ani fayyaa dha* I'm fine. **dhas** *conj* and also *iseen miidhagduu dhas nama gaarii dhas* She is beautiful, and she is also a good person.

**dhaa** *prep* for; from; in; to *sangaa dhaa sogidda biti* Buy salt for the ox. *Goree dhaa dhufa* He is coming from Goree. *Buree dhaa hojii argatte* She got a job in Bure. *Gammachuu dhaa kenne* He gave it to Gammachuu. **dhaafis** *prep* for sb/sth also/too *isee dhaafis tokko kenni* Give her one, too.

**dhaaba** *n* 1 organization or association *dhaaba siyaasaa* political organization 2 stall/department, i.e., a distinct division in a market place where

a commodity, animal, etc. is sold  
*dhaaba bunaa* a coffee stall; *dhaaba sogiddaa* a salt stall *dhaaba horii* livestock stall. 3 appoint-  
 ment *guyyaa dhaaba keenyaa hin irraanfatin* Don't forget our  
 appointment (day). 4 agreement or pact; understanding *amma dhaaba tokko arra geenyutti walgayiin kun ittuma fufa* Until  
 we reach an agreement, this meeting will continue. **dhaaba dammaa** *n* honey comb *gaagura kana keessa dhaaba dammaa kudhan duwwaatu jira* There are only ten  
 honey combs in this hive.

**dhaaba qabachuu** *iv* have figure, i.e., elegant body or frame; a fine figure of a man/woman, *namichi kun dhaaba qaba* This man has a graceful figure *dubartii dhaaba hin qabne fuudhe* He married a woman without any figure, i.e., she is not graceful **dhaaba qabeessa** *adj* of a male who has elegant figure **dhaaba qabeettii** *adj* of a female who has elegant figure

**dhaabaa** See *dhaabuu*

**dhaaba dammaa** See *dhaaba*

**dhaabachiisuu** See *dhaabuu*

**dhaabachuu** See *dhaabuu*

**dhaabamuu** See *dhaabuu*

**dhaaba qabaachuu** See *dhaaba*

**dhaaba qabeessa** See *dhaaba*

**dhaaba qabeetti** See *dhaaba*

**dhaabata** *n* 1 staff or wand, usu used by women as a support or for ceremonial occasions 2 a

person who provides for elderly persons, usu parents

**dhaabataa** *adj* (usu of price) fixed, i.e., stay the same; not fluctuating *gatiin mi'a tokko tokkoo dhaabataa miti*. Some commodities do not have prices that stay the same or fixed

**dhaabbachuu**<sup>1</sup> *iv, tv* 1 (usu takes *sa'a*) celebrate the 14<sup>th</sup> day after a cow has calved, by free distribution of yogurt obtained from the cow (N.B., milk and milk products are under taboo for human consumption until this celebration takes place.) *bor sa'a dhaabbannaa kottaa itittuu dhugaa* We are celebrating tomorrow, the 14<sup>th</sup> day from the day our cow gave birth; come and drink yogurt. **dhaabbii** *n* (usu takes *sa'a*) ceremony observed on the 14<sup>th</sup> day after a cow has calved *bor sa'a dhaabbii qabna* We are having a ceremony tomorrow.

**dhaabbachuu**<sup>2</sup> See *dhaabuu*

**dhaabbii** See *dhaabbachuu*

**dhaabsifachuu** See *dhaabuu*

**dhaabsisuu** See *dhaabuu*

**dhaabuu** *tv* 1 cause to stop doing sth; park a vehicle *sangaa dhaabee aara galfate* He stopped the yoke of oxen and rested. *ojii dhaabanii nama hamatu* They stopped working and gossip. *na dhaabee haasaa jalqabe* He kept me standing and continued to chat. *makiinaa kana eenyutu as dhaabe* Who parked this car here? 2

erect, plant, put firmly in position, or set upright in the ground *chikaala dhaabee farda isaa itti hidhe* He set up a picket in the ground and tied/tethered his horse to it. *jarri tokko gama sanatti dunkaana dhaabaniiru* Some persons have pitched a tent over there. **3** plant, i.e., put seeds in the ground to grow; dibble or transplant seedlings *boqqolloo dhaabe* He put corn seeds in prepared holes in the ground. *barbaree dhaabde* She transplanted pepper seedlings. **4** establish, found, or organize an association *waldaa qonnaan bulaa dhaabaniiru* They have established a Farmers' Association. **5** fix, make, prepare, or boil and serve coffee after roasting, grinding, and making it ready for drinking *buna naa dhaabi* Make me coffee, please. **6** (used of drinks) stand sb drinks, i.e., offer drinks to sb free of charge *araqee xaarmushii tokko naa dhaabde* She stood me a bottle of arack. **dhaabaa n 1** support for walls *dhaabaa manaa muruu deeme* He went (to the forest) to cut supports for the wall. **2** ritual food, drink, or animal put aside for the gods or consecrated *kormi kun horii dhaabaati; gurguruus qaluus hin dandeessu* This bull is consecrated; you can neither sell it or slaughter it. **dhaabachiisuu** *tv* cause sb to stand and wait, or be

late, etc. usu by engaging him/her in a conversation *karaa na dhaabachiisee dubbii dhaan na qabe* He made me stand and held me back (from my journey) by his conversation. **dhaabachuu** *iv* stand or stop *achi dhaabattanii hin odeessinaa* Don't stand there and talk nonsense. *takka xinnoo fiigee dhaabate* He ran for a little while and stopped. **dhaabamuu** *tv* (passive) **1** be planted *barbareen dhaabameeraa?* Are the pepper seedlings planted? **2** (of coffee) prepared and ready for drink *buna dhaabame kana utuu hin dhugin deemtaa?* Are you going before drinking this coffee (which is ready)? **3** be mae to stand *eega yeroo dheeraa dhaabamnee booda nu teessisan* After we had been made to stand for a long time, we were allowed to sit down **dhaabbachuu** *iv, tv 1* establish, found, or organize for self *waldaa wal gargaarsaa dhaabbataniiru* They have established a self help association (for themselves). **2** erect, plant, or transplant *barbarree dhaabbatteetti* She has transplanted pepper seedlings for self. **3** fix, make, or prepare coffee for self **4** Same as *dhaabachuu* under *dhaabuu* **dhaabsifachuu** *tv* cause to plant, transplant, or prepare for self *buna dhaabsifate* He had coffee transplanted/ made **dhaabsisuu** *tv* cause to plant, transplant, or

prepare coffee *ijoollee isaa buna dhaabsise* He made his children plant/prepare coffee.

**dha'achuu** *iv* disappear, go, hit the road, strike (off), or vanish from the sight *asiin gadi dha'atte* She went down this way.  
*gurbichi dalga kanaan achi dha'ate* The boy struck out across this field.

**dhaadachuu** *iv* **1** make a crackling sound similar to the sound produced when pop corn or coffee beans covered with shells are roasted *bunnii dhaadateera* The coffee beans have popped. See also *xaaxa'uu* **2** boast or crow, i.e., rejoice noisily over a victory or before going to war *maaliif akkana dhaadata?* Why does he boast so much?

**dhaadannaa** *n* boasting or crowing over one's victory *dhaadannaan isaa nama kakaasa* His boasting is so well done that it incites strong feelings in a person. **dhaadannoo** *n* **1** slogan *dhaadannoon isaanii "bilisummaa yookaan du'a" jedha* Their slogan is "Liberty or Death". **2** Same as *dhaadannaa* above

**dhaadannaa** See *dhaadachuu*

**dhaadannoo** See *dhaadachuu*

**dhaadhessa** See *dhaadhessuu*

**dhaadheesuu** *tv* **1** bargain **2** commend or praise a person, usu to promote or to popularize him or her **dhaadessa** *n* bargain; praise

**dhaadheysa** Same as *dhaadessa* under *dhaadhessuu*

**dhaaduu** Same as *dhaadeysuu* (**2**)

**dhaafis** See *dhaa*

**dhaala** See *dhaaluu*

**dhaalchisuu** See *dhaaluu*

**dhaal dhiiga** See *dhaaluu*

**dhaalfa** *n* **1** caul, i.e. jelly-like substance a cow licks off her calf at birth **2** vagina of a cow

**dhaaluu** *tv* **1** inherit property or, traditionally, one's brother's wife; succeed *isatuu na dhaala* He will be the one who will inherit my property *horii baay'ee dhaaltee sooromte* She inherited a large fortune and became rich. **2**

confiscate, usu smuggled goods

*yoo ati qaraxa hin baafne warri*

*gumurukaa mi'a kee ni/in dhaalu*

The customs people will

confiscate your goods if you do not pay customs duty. **3** (of

weeds) invade crops *biyyi bayee*

*akka na gargaaruun kadhada malee*

*aramaan midhaan koo dhaaleera* I

have to beg the community to

help me with pulling out the

weeds that have invaded my

crop. **dhaala** *n* **1** (property)

inheritance *dhaala abbaa kootiitu*

*na sooromse* It is the inheritance

from my father that made me

rich. **2** traditionally, a practice of

marrying a widow of one's own

brother, i.e., levirate

**dhaalchisuu** *tv* **1** will sth to sb,

i.e., leave property to someone

and die *qabeenyaa isaa hunda*

*haadha manaa isaa dhaalchisee du'e*

He willed all his property to his wife and died. **2** (usu of weeds) cause to invade crops *yaroo dhaan aramachuu dhiisee mindhaan isaa aramaa dhaalchise* He didn't weed his crop in time, so his crops are completely taken over by the weeds. **dhaal dhiiga n** heredity; hereditary

**dhaamamuu** See *dhaamuu*<sup>1</sup>

**dhaammachuu** See *dhaamuu*<sup>1</sup>

**dhaamocha** See *dhaamochuu*

**dhaamochiisuu** See *dhaamochuu*

**dhaamochuu** *iv* be cold/freezing; feel cold *alli ni/in dhaamota* It is cold outside. *yoo dhaamotte abidda qaqqaa<sup>u</sup>mmadhu* If you feel cold sit by the fire and have a warm. *nan dhaamodhe* I feel cold.

**dhaamocha n 1** cold, i.e., low temperature *dhamocha keessa hin taa'in* Don't sit outside in the cold. *dhaamochatti gadi hin/him bayin* Don't go out in the cold. **2** chill, i.e., illness caused by cold and makes the victim shiver *dhaamochatu na qabe fakkaata na roqomsii* It seems that I have cold/a chill because I am shivering. **dhaamochiisuu** *tv* cause to feel cold *bokkaa ani keessa turetu amma na dhaamochiisa* It is the rain that poured down on me that makes me feel cold now. **dhaamotaa** *adj* (of male) cold because of weather

**dhaamonnaa** Same as *dhaamocha* under *dhaamochuu*

**dhaamoo** See *dhaamuu*<sup>1</sup>

**dhaamota** Same as *dhaamocha* under *dhaamochuu*

**dhaamotaa** See *dhaamochuu*

**dhaamsa** See *dhaamuu*<sup>1</sup>

**dhaamsuu** See *dhaamuu*<sup>2</sup>

**dhaamuu**<sup>1</sup> *tv* send a message to *ofii isaatii hin dhufne; natti dhaame malee* He didn't come himself; he sent me a message. **dhaamamuu** *tv* (passive; used of a message) be sent *abbaan isee akka daxxabe itti dhaamameera* A message has been sent to her regarding the death of her father.

**dhaammachuu** *tv* send a message for self *haati koo akka dafttee qarshii naa ergitu itti dhaammadheera* I have sent a message to my mother in which I informed her to send me money soon. **dhaamsa n** message *dhaamsa naa fidee dhufe* He brought me a message.

**dhaamoo n** will, i.e., a message or a document in which a person specifies who should get his/her property after death *dhaamoo abbaa kootii namni mormu yoo jiraate naaf haa dhiyaatu* If anyone contests the will my father had left me before his death let him/her be ordered (on my behalf) to appear in court.

**dhaamuu**<sup>2</sup> *iv* (used of candle, fire, light, etc) be out; burn out *abiddi dhaameera* The fire has burned itself out. *ibsaan ni/in dhaamee?* Is the light out? **dhaamsuu** *tv 1* (used of fire or light) extinguish, quench, douse, or put out *abidda*

*dhaamsitee rafte* She put out the fire and went to bed. *maaliif ibsaa dhaamsan* Why did they extinguish the lights? **2** (of social conflict) resolve; quell; pacify *lola jarri kaasan ammaaf dhaamsineerra* We quelled the conflict between them for now.

**dhaan prep 1** (indicates means or instrument) by; with *eeboo dhaan arba ajjeese* He killed an elephant with a spear. **2** (indicates antagonism, opposition) with *isee dhaan wal didde* He quarreled with her. **3** (indicates addition of sth to sth) with *akka sangaan kee jabaatu garbuu ashaboo dhaan laadhuuf* Add salt to barley and feed it to your ox so that he will be strong. **4** (indicates state or manner) in; with *aarii dhaan manaa baye* He left the house in rage. *jerjersuu dhaan deeme* He went away in a hurry. *gammachuu dhaan fudhate* He received it with pleasure.

**dhaanachuu** Same as *dhaannachuu* under *dhaanuu*

**dhaanamuu** See *dhaanuu*

**dhaandhaankaa** Same as *fajajaa*; see also *raatuu* (**2**) under *raata'uu*

**dhaanicha** See *dhaanuu*

**dhaannachuu** See *dhaanuu*

**dhaannee** *n* (takes *bu'a*) *bu'a dhaannee* a set of the various parts of meat

**dhaanquu** *n* bifurcated wood used as a support of cross bars in a wall or fence

**dhaanuu** *tv* **1** beat (up), belt, cane, flog, or thrash *ilma isaa maaliif dhaane?* Why did he beat his son?

**2** (of rain) cause to be wet; drench *bookkkaan si dhaanaa gadi hin/him bayin* Do not go out; you will be drenched with rain. See also *tortorsuu* (**2**) under *tortoruu*  
**dhaanamuu** *tv* (passive) be beat up or be hit (as a punishment) *mucaan eega sila dhaanamee asi booyicha dhiisuu dide* Since he was beaten up a while ago, the child has refused to stop crying.

**dhaanicha** *n* beating (to discipline) *dhaanicha dhiisuun amala ijoollee balleessuu dha warri jedhanu waan saayinsiin jedhu hin dubbifne* Those who say "sparing the rod spoils the child" have not read what science says about corporal punishment.

**dhaannachuu** *tv* beat up one's child for self (to discipline) *ilma koo dhaannachuu dhiiseen amalli isaa bade* I stopped punishing my son and spoiled him.

**dhaaphachuu** Same as *dhaabbachuu*

**dhaas** Same as *dhaafis* under *dhaa*

**dha'ata** *n* a method of climbing a tree by fastening a rope to a stalk and by forming it [the rope] into a step-like shape *muka dha'ataan yaabuu moo rippaan yaabuu wayya?* Is it better to climb a tree by using a rope or by shinning up a tree? cf., *riphuu* (**2**)

**dhabaa** See *dhabuu*

**dhabaachuu** *adv* (although it is a verb in form, it functions as an adverb) it roughly means if not or not, e.g.: **dhabaanne** *adv* (usu used in if-clause; applies to 1<sup>st</sup> person, pl) not *yoo nu dhufuu dhabaanne isin kottaa* If we fail to show up, you should come. **dhabaannu** *adv* (usu used in if-clause; applies to 1<sup>st</sup> person, pl) if not *dhufnuu dhufuu dhabaannus isa maaltu dhibe?* Whether we come or not, why does he care? **dhabaatan** *adv* (usu used in if-clause; 3<sup>rd</sup> person, pl/honorific) not *yoo jerri har'a dhufuu dhabaatan anis lammata mana jeraa hin dhaqu* If they do not come today, I too, will never go to their house again, **dhabaatanuu** *adv* (3<sup>rd</sup> person, pl/honorific) if not *dhufuu dhabaatanuu natti himi* Tell me if they do not come. **dhabaate** *adv* (applies to 3<sup>rd</sup> person, masc., sing.) not *yoo dhufuu dhabaate dhaamsa itti ergaa* If he doesn't come, send him a message. **dhabaattan** *adv* (applies to 2<sup>nd</sup> person, pl or honorific) not *yoo isin dhufuu dhabaattan, ani dhufuu nan danda'a* If you do not come, I can come. **dhabaattanuu** *adv* (applies to 2<sup>nd</sup> person, pl/honorific) if not *dhufuu dhabaattanuu dhaamsa nutti ergaa* If you do not come, send us a message. **dhabaatte** *adv* (applies to 3<sup>rd</sup> person, fem, sing or to 2<sup>nd</sup> person, sing) not *atuu dhukkubsachuu dhabaatte hin ooltu*

*turte* If she had not been ill, she wouldn't have failed to show up. **dhabaattu** *adv* (applies to 2<sup>nd</sup> person, sing or to 3<sup>rd</sup> person, fem, sing) if not *dhufuu dhabaattu giroo keeti* If you don't come, that's your own business.

**dhabaatu** *adv* (applies to 3<sup>rd</sup> person, masc, sing) if not *dhufuu dhabaatu giroo isaati* If he doesn't show up, that's his damn business.

**dhabaa mannaa** See *dhabu*

**dhabamsiisuu** See *dhabuu*

**dhabamuu** See *dhabuu*

**dhabbasa** See *dhabbasuu*

**dhabbasuu** *iv* walk slowly; plod along *akkana dhabbasaa boruu achi hin geessu* If you walk so slowly, you won't get there even tomorrow. **dhabbasa** *n* slow walk

**dhabduu** See *dhabuu*

**dhabsiisuu** See *dhabuu*

**dhabuu** *tv* 1 be unable to find sth/sb lost, wanted, needed, etc. *sangaa isa bade barbaadeen dhabe* I could not find the lost ox. *manaa si dhabne deebine* We couldn't find you at home, so we returned. *har'a dammi gabaa hin/him baane barbaannee dhabne* There was no honey on the market today; we looked everywhere and couldn't find any. 2 lack, i.e., not have or be without *nyaata gaarii dhabdee huuqqatte* She lost too much weight for lack of good food. *mataa dhabde malee miidhagina qabdi* She is

beautiful, but she has no brain.  
*mucaa yoo dhabde guddifadhu* If  
 you are childless, adopt one. 3  
 miss, i.e., fail to hit *eeboo darbatee*  
*dhabee hin/him beeku* He never  
 missed his target after throwing  
 a spear. **dhabaa** *adj* (of male  
 humans) childless; poor or have-  
 not *dhabaas ha ta'u soorssaas ha*  
*ta'u anaaf namni tokkouma*  
 Whether they are rich or poor it  
 doesn't make any difference; for  
 me human beings are just  
 human beings, treat them  
 equally. **dhabamsiisuu** *tv*  
 destroy, eliminate, or eradicate  
*mootummaan keenya beela,*  
*hiyyuma, dhukkubaa fi wal'aalina*  
*dhabamsiisuuf tattaafachuu qaba*  
 Our government has to strive to  
 eradicate hunger, disease,  
 poverty, and illiteracy.  
**dhabamuu** *tv* (passive) be not  
 found; be unavailable/ lost; be  
 eradicated/eliminated *gaafa*  
*gaa'ila isee waanti dhabame hin*  
*jiru, hundiunu jira ture* On her  
 wedding day nothing was  
 lacking; everything was  
 available. *biyya keenyatti bunni*  
*hin dhabamu* In our village there  
 is no lack of coffee (because we  
 produce it). **dhabduu** *adj* (usu of  
 female humans) childless; have-  
 not or poor **dhabsiisuu** *tv* cause  
 to lack or not to have *waaqatu*  
*mucaa na dhabsiise jetti* She says,  
 "It's God who made me  
 childless". **dhabaa mannaa** *adj*  
 almost worthless (but better than

not having anything); only better  
 than nothing; despicable *dhirsa*  
*dhabaa mannaa tokkotti eerumte*  
 She married a husband who is  
 almost worthless ( but better  
 than none at all).

**dhaddacha** *n* 1 traditionally, it's a  
 huge tree under which laws are  
 enacted or legislated 2 court, i.e.,  
 a building where legal justice is  
 administered

**dhaddee** Same as *xaddee*

**dhadhaa** *n* butter *dhadhaa abidda*  
*bu'e* be lost for good, said of sth  
 that is impossible to regain (lit. it  
 means butter that is dropped in  
 fire) *qarshiin ati isaa liqeessite*  
*dhadhaa abidda bu'e* You will  
 never get back the money you  
 had lent him.

**dhadha'achuu** *iv, tv* 1 flap, usu  
 the wings *kormaan indaaqqoo utuu*  
*hin dhadha'atin hin iyyu* A cock  
 never crows before it flaps its  
 wings. See also *batattisuu* 2 Same  
 as *tumachuu* under *tumuu* 3  
 Same as *dhidhiitachuu* under  
*dhiituu*

**dhadhaa ejersaa** *n* olive oil

**dhadhaa nuugii** *n* nigger seed oil

**dhadhansa** *n* a kind of tree

**dhadhaqii** *n* bog, marsh, or  
 quagmire, i.e., a soft, wet ground  
 that yields when stepped on  
**dhaqdhaqii roobuu** *iv* rain  
 heavily *har'a dhaqdhaqii robe* It  
 rained heavily today.

**dhafadhafuu** *tv* stab or pierce,  
 usu sth soft *cuubee dhaan garaa*



*isaa dhafadhafe* He stabbed him on the stomach with a dagger.

**dhaffaluu** Same as *cuffachuu*

**dhagaa n 1** rock or stone *graan isaa akka dhagaati* He is stony-hearted.

**2** weight, stone of known weight used in scales for weighing usu cotton *jirbii dhagaa laman bite* I bought two weights of cotton  
**dhagaa buusuu iv** vow not to talk to sb, not to go to/

return to a place *lammata akka manaa isaatti hin deebine dhagaa buuftee/buuste dhufte* She came here after vowing never to go to his house again. **dhagaa cabsuu**

*tv* quarry, usu for mill-stone *dhagaan daakuu kootii cabeera; dhaqaa dhagaa naa caabsaa* My mill-stone is broken; go and quarry another one for me.

**dhagaa daakuu n** (applies to nether or the lower one) mill-stone **dhagaa gaayyaa n** bowl of hubble-bubble or hookah *dhagaa gaayyaa isaatti timboo naqxeeff* She filled the bowl of his hookah with tobacco **dhagaa gaayyaa ta'uu iv** be stunted in one's growth **dhagaatti fincaawuu** Same as *galata dhabuu* (1) under *galateeffachuu*

**dhaga'muu** See *dhagawuu*

**dhagaraa n 1** axe/ax **2** silver coin at one time the most popular and valuable monetary unit in Ethiopi; probably, Maria Theresa-dollar

**dhagawuu iv 1** hear, i.e., perceive sound by the ear *namichi duudaa*

*miti; ni/in dhagaya* The man is not deaf; he can hear. *waa'ee labsii lafaa awuun raadiyoonii iraa dhagaye baay'een gammade* When I heard about the land proclamation over the radio, I became very happy. *dhagayaa dhageeffadhaa /dhagayii dhageeffadhu* Hearken ye; hear and let hear. **2** hear, i.e., learn, be told, or informed *du'a obboleessa isaa kaleessan dhagaye* I heard the death of his brother yesterday. **3** be willing/ unwilling to listen, i.e., be deaf to advice, suggestions, etc. *gorsa namaa hin dhagawu* He wouldn't listen, no matter how much people advise him (no to do sth stupid).

**dhaga'amu** *tv* (passive) *iv, tv 1* be heard or be known *dhogsaan iseen natti himte tokkichumaan dhagayme* The secret she told me became public at once. **2** (takes -tti) feel, i.e., perceive pain through the sense or have compassion or sympathy *marfeen inni naa waraane natti hin dhagayamne* I didn't feel the injection. *ennaa akkam isa rukutteyyuu hin dhagawu* No matter how hard you hit him, he doesn't seem to feel a thing. *rakkoon namaa isatti hin dhagayamu* He doesn't feel for people in their troubles. **dhageessisuu tv** cause sb to learn about sth *oduu gaarii na dhageessise* He brought me good news. *jireenyi waan baay'ee nama*

*dhageessisa* (usu used when one hears sth new, unusual, or surprising) You/We live and learn. **dhageessuu** *n* ear  
*dhageessuun kee ha duudu* May you be deaf. See also *gurra* (1)  
**dhaggeeffachuu** *iv* 1 listen *qophii afaan* Oromoo raadiyoonii iraa yaroo hunda *dhaggeeffanna* We always listen to Oromo radio programs. 2 eavesdrop *waan namni dubbatu gurraa dhaabdee dhaggeeffatti* She eavesdrops.  
**dhaggeeffachuu** See *dhagawuu*  
**dhageettii** Same as *dhageessuu* under *dhagawuu*  
**dhagna** Same as *dhanna*  
**dhagooga** See *dhagooguu*  
**dhagoogfachuu** See *dhagooguu*  
**dhagoogsuu** See *dhagooguu*  
**dhagooguu** *tv* [vulgar; applies to penis] erect, i.e., be stiff, swollen, and sticking up **dhagooga** *n* erection, i.e., stiffness, swelling, and sticking up of penis  
**dhagoogfachuu** *tv* cause penis to erect for self **dhagoogsuu** *tv* cause penis to erect; see also *ka'uu* (11)  
**dhaha** See *dhawuu*  
**dhahachiisuu** See *dhawuu*  
**dhahachuu** See *dhawuu*  
**dhahamuu** See *dhawuu*  
**dhahannaa** See *dhawuu*  
**dhahannoo** *n* trench, i.e., a channel in the ground used by soldiers  
**dhahumsa** Same as *dhaha* under *dhawuu*  
**dhakaa** Same as *dhagaa*

**dhakadhakuu** *tv* eat with mouth full

**dhakkee** Same as *lubbuu*<sup>1</sup> (1)

**dhala** See *dhaluu*<sup>2</sup>

**dhala** *adj* 1 (usu of animals) female *farda/indaaqqoo/gafarsa dhala* mare/hen/female buffalo *sa'i koo dhala dhalte* My cow gave birth to a female cow 2 girl or woman

**dhalaawuu** *iv* approach, i.e. get nearer

**dhala dabarfachuu** See *dhaluu*<sup>2</sup>

**dhalataa** See *dhaluu*<sup>2</sup>

**dhalattuu** See *dhaluu*<sup>2</sup>

**dhalcha** See *dhaluu*<sup>2</sup>

**dhalchisiisuu** See *dhaluu*<sup>2</sup>

**dhalchuu** See *dhaluu*<sup>2</sup>

**dhalee** 1 Same as *galaa* under *galaasuu* 2 Same as *baqsaa* under *baqsuu*

**dhalfa** See *dhalfaawuu*

**dhalfaawuu** *iv* be coward **dhalfa** 1 Same as *dhaalfa* 2 coward *ilma dhalfa tokko qaba* He has a son who is a coward.

**dhallaa** *n* 1 Same as *qaaqee* 2 summit or crown of the head 3 scar, recently healed sore 4 bald patch on babboons' bottom 5 white blaze on animals' face and head

**dhallaaduu** *n* marsh grass, probably *bulrush* or *cattail* *dhallaaduu bishaan keessaa fakkaata* It looks like a marsh plant See also *quunnii*

**dhaloota** See *dhaluu*<sup>2</sup>

**dhalootee** *adj* (of animals) home-bread or native, i.e., born and

brought up at home, not purchased *sa'i iseen kun in/ni bitamate; iseen kun dhalootee dha* This cow is purchased; this one is home-bred.

**dhalooti** *n* lineage; see also *dhaloota* under *dhaluu*<sup>2</sup>

**dhaltii** *adj, n* cow, usu dairy cattle *sangaa lamaa fi dhaltii shan qaba* He has two oxen and five cows.

**dhaltuu** *adj, n* 1 (animals) female *cuuciin hoolaa kanaa korbeessa moo dhaltuu dha?* Is this kid (lamb) male or female? 2 coward; see also *dhalfa* under *dhalfaawuu*

**dhaluu**<sup>1</sup> *adj, n* 1 near or close *dhaluu jira; amma inni dhufutti taa'ii eegi* He is near by; sit and wait until he comes; see also *dhiyoo* under *dhiyaachuu*<sup>2</sup> 2 (vulgar) penis; see also *qunxurro* and *seeruu* 2 Same as *dhiyoo* under *dhiyaachuu*<sup>2</sup>

**dhaluu**<sup>2</sup> *iv, tv* 1 (used of animals) drop or give birth to; (e.g., calve, farrow, foal, kitten, lamb, pup, whelp, yearn) *sa'i lakkuu dhaltu jirtii?* Is there a cow that can calve twins? *fardi koo kaleessa dhale* My mare foaled yesterday. *booyyeen al tokko sagal dhati jedhu* They say a sow can farrow nine piglets at a litter. 2 yield interest *yoo baankii keessa birrii dhibba tokko kaayatan/keeyatan waggaatti birrii kudhan namaa dhala* If deposited in a bank, one hundred birr yields ten birr interest annually. 3 [ (fig) usu used in a negative or a rhetorical

question] an emphatic way of saying that one does not have or possess sth to give to sb *birri dhibba eessan sii fida; siin dhalaa?* Where can I get one hundred birr for you; I don't have it, I'm telling you (lit Can I give birth to one hundred birr?) 4 (applies to rumors, too much talk) breed, i.e., cause to develop *dubbiin dubbii dhala* Rumors breed more rumors. **dhala** *n* 1 child, issue, progeny, descendant, offspring *dhala malee du'e* He died without issue. 2 while giving birth *sa'i koo dhala irratti duute* My cow died while giving birth. 3 (applies to plants) offshoot, i.e., a lateral shoot from the main stem *dhala misingaa* offshoot of sorghum plant 4 interest or profit *abbaan araaxaa ganna birri kudhan naa liqeessee yaroo buna dhala duwwaa birri saddeeti na arraa fudhate* The usurer lent me ten birr during the rainy season and made me pay eight birr interest during the coffee season. **dhala dabarfachuu** *iv* 1 have a baby *utuu dhala hin dabarfatin duute/du'e* He/She died without issue 2 be past child-bearing age or years *eega dhala dabarfatee booda eerumtii* Is she going to marry after she is past her child-bearing age? **dhalachuu** *iv* 1 be born; come into the world *eessatti dhalatte?* Where were you/was she born? 2 come into existence, crop up, happen, or

originate *maaliif na waamti*; *maaltu dhalate*? Why is she calling me; what happened? **dhala malee hafuu** *iv* be or remain childless *abbaan manaa iseeetii fi iseen dhala malee hafan* She and her husband are childless **dhala namaa** *n* 1 human being **2** someone else's child, i.e., not one's own; foster child *ofii kootii mucaa hin godhanne*; *dhala namaan guddifadhe* I didn't have a child of my own; I adopted someone else's child. **dhalataa** *adj* (of male) a new born infant or baby **dhalattuu** *adj* **1** (usu of a female baby) a new born infant or baby; little *dhalattuu na fakkeessee na gowwoomsuu barbaada* He wanted to fool me as if I were a little child. *mucaa dhalattuun manatti dhiise dhufe* I left an infant at home and came here. **2** seedling or young plant *dhalattuu barbaree* young chilly plant **dhalchisiisuu** *tv* **1** cause to give birth *sa'a hin dhalle maaltu dhalchisiisa*? What is it that can make a fertile cow give birth? **2** (fig) force sb to do, produce, etc. the impossible *birri kuma essaan fidaaf na dhalchisiisaa*? Where can get him one thousand birr? Is he going to force me have/possess what I don't have? (lit) Is he going to make me give birth to one thousand birr? **3** (of money or capital) cause to bring interest (for self) *birri isaa baankii galfatee dhalchisiifata* He deposits his money in the bank and gets

interest on it. **dhalchuu** *tv* (used of male animals or humans) father or sire *korma isa kamtu jabbii kana dhalche*? Which bull sired this calf? *ijoollee kudhan dhalchee du'e* He fathered ten children and died. **dhaloota** *n* **1** birth place, origin, or parentage *dhaloota isaa beektaa*? Do you know his parentage? *dhalooti isaa beekamaa dhaa*? Is he of known parentage? **2** generation *waanti katabame dhalootaa fi dhalootatti darba* What is written can pass from one generation to another. **dhama** *n* **1** whey *adurreen dhama dhugdi* Cats drink whey. **2** fruit juice or sugar cane juice *dhama lafaa* *n* top soil **dhama'a** See *dhama'uu* **dhamaasuu** See *dhama'uu* **dhamaatuu** See *dhama'uu* **dhamalaa** Same as *cilaattii* **dhama'uu** *iv* do things under pressure; have no rest; be overtaxed; overwork; be troubled *nan dhama'e* I am troubled (usu by a long search or by being sent about on errands) **dhama'a** *n* exertion, i.e. vigorous action or effort *dhama'a malee waan barbaannu hin argannu* Without effort we can't get what we want to have. **dhamaasuu** *tv* drive sb, i.e., force to work or act; overtax, overwork, trouble, or wear sb out (usu by sending him/her on errands, by engaging him/her in a search) *hojii dhaan na dhamaase* He wore me out

with too much work.  
**dhamaatuu** *adj* (usu of females)  
 one who strives hard but still  
 remains poor or needy  
**dhamdhama** Same as *dhandhama*  
**dhamsa** *n* food; nutrition  
**dhandhaarraa** See *dhandhaaruu*  
**dhandhaaruu** *tv* arrange the three  
 stones used as stove  
**dhandhaarraa** Same as *gemmoo*;  
 see also *sumsuma*  
**dhandhachiisuu** *tv* cause the body  
 adapt to, say, cold water gradually  
**dhandhama** See *dhandhamuu*  
**dhandhamuu** *iv* taste; flavor  
**dhandhama** *n* 1 taste, i.e., flavor  
*nyaati kun dhandhama hin qabu*  
 This food has no taste. 2 (fig)  
*dhandhama dhabuu* (usu applies  
 to remarks) be in bad/poor taste  
*haasaan namicha kanaa dhandhama*  
*hin qabu* This man's remark is  
 in bad taste. 3 cream, i.e., the  
 best/choicest part of, usu food  
*dhandhama hoolaa nuyii nyaatee*  
*fixe dhuftan* You came after we  
 had eaten and finished the  
 cream of the lamb.  
**dhandhama** See *dhamdhama*  
**dhandhansoo** *n* a kind of tree  
**dhandhoonamuu** *iv* be corpulent  
 or plump (passive) *gurbaan*  
*keenya nyaatatu itti tole fakkaata*  
*baay'ee dhandhoonameera* Our son  
 has become plump perhaps due  
 to proper diet.  
**dhanfachuu** *iv* (usu applies to  
 corn on the cob) be ripe  
**dhanfoora** Same as *qolee*

**dhangaa** *n* 1 banquet, i.e., food  
 and drink usu served on a  
 special occasion; feast *cida qabnaa*  
*ol seenaa dhangaa dhugaa* We have  
 a special occasion; come in and  
 have food and drinks. 2  
 nutrition; diet *dhangaa*  
*barbaachisaa* necessary or proper  
 diet 3 Same as *daakuu* under  
*daakuu*<sup>2</sup> **dhangæssuu** *tv* cause  
 food to be delicious  
**dhangoomuu** *iv* (of food) be  
 delicious/good  
**dhangaggaawuu** *iv* 1 be or  
 become sour or tart *loomiin ni/in*  
*dhangaggaaya* Lemon is  
 sour/tart. 2 ferment *atuu bukoon*  
*hin dhangaggaayin buddeena*  
*tolchuu hin danda'u* I can't bake  
 bread before the dough has  
 fermented. **dhangaggayaa** *adj* 1  
 sour/tart *farsoon kun*  
*dhangaggayaa dha* This local beer  
 is sour. 2 of sth that has  
 undergone fermentation *bukoon*  
*kun dhangaggayaa dha* This dough  
 is fermented. **dhangaggeessuu**  
*tv* cause to undergo fermentation  
*bukoo dhangaggeessi* Let the  
 dough ferment.  
**dhangaggaayaa** See  
*dhangaggaawuu*  
**dhangaggeessuu** See  
*dhangaggaawuu*  
**dhangaggoo** *n* edible, wild plant  
 with a very sour juice from its  
 leaves and stalks  
**dhangala'aa** See *dhangala'uu*  
**dhangalaafamuu** See *dhangala'uu*

**dhangalaasa** *n* gift, usu grain  
given to a  
religious leader

**dhangalaasamuu** Same as  
*dhangalaafamuu* under  
*dhangala'uu*

**dhangalaasisuu** See *dhangala'uu*

**dhangalaasuu** See *dhangala'uu*

**dhangala'uu** *iv* 1 be spilled

*ashaboon ni/in dhangala'e* The salt  
has spilled/spilt 2 slop; slop  
over *aannantu kittaa kootti*

*dhangala'e* Milk slopped onto my  
shirt. *bunni shiinii guutee*

*dhangala'e* The coffee slopped

over. 3 (usu of mules) move or  
go smoothly without jerking the  
rider *gaangeen koo akkuma*

*bishaanii dhangalaati* My mule  
goes like smooth-running water.

4 lose blood *dhiigi isaa baay'eetu*  
*dhangala'e* He lost a lot of blood.

**dhangala'aa** *n* liquid

**dhangalaafamuu** *tv* (passive) be  
spilled *dhiiga nama nagaatu asitti*

*dhangalaafame* An innocent  
person's blood has been spilled

here. **dhangalaasisuu** *tv* cause to  
spill sth *dhiiga nama baay'ee*

*dhangalaasisanii badan* They  
disappeared after they had

caused the death of many

people. **dhangalaasuu** *tv* (of  
liquid, grain, or powder) 1 spill,  
i.e., cause to run over the side of

a container *dhiiga diina isaa*

*dhangalaase* He spilled his  
enemy's blood. *aannan*

*dhagalaafte* She spilled the milk  
(accidentally). 2 (takes *itti*)

splurge, i.e., indulge in an  
extravagant expense *gaangee*  
*kana birri baay'ee itti dhangalaasee*  
*bite* He splurged lots of money  
on this mule and bought it.

**dhangeessuu** See *dhangaa*

**dhangoomuu** See *dhangaa*

**dhankaa** Same as *dhangaa*

**dhankaaka** Same as *maseena* (1)  
under *maseenuu*

**dhankaakhaa** *adj* of females with  
slim and beautiful waistline

**dhanna** *n* 1 body, i.e., physical  
structure of a person or animal  
*dhanna dhiqata* He is taking/  
having a bath. 2 euphemism for

both vagina and penis **dhanna**

**dhabuu** *iv* (applies to a person)

have a small, tiny body **dhanna**

**dhufuu** *iv* (applies to emotions)

begin to show *abbaa keenyatti*  
*aariin dhanna dhufeeraa cal jedhaa*

Our father's anger is beginning  
to show, so you had better be

quiet. **dhanna nyaachuu** *iv* itch

*dhanna na nyaata kanaafan akkana*  
*ofi hooqa* I am itching, that's why

I'm scratching myself. **dhanna**

**nyaataa** *n* itch *dhanna nyaataan*

*qoricha qabaa?* Is there a cure for

an itch? **dhanna qabaa** *n*

circumcision *dhanna qabaan*

*mucaa kootii bor* The circumcision  
of my child is tomorrow.

**dhanna qabachuu** *iv* be

circumcised, i.e., not remain

uncircumcised *dhanna qabateeraa*

*/qabatteettii* Is he/she

circumcised? **dhanna qabduu** *n*

a person who circumcises

**dhanna qabsiisuu** *tv* have sb circumcise sb else *mucaa koo awuu boqqolloon bilchaatun dhanna qabsiisa* I will have my child circumcised when the corn is ripe. **dhanna qabuu** *tv* circumcise *eenyutu isee/isa dhanna qabe?* Who circumcised her/him? **dhannaa baafachuu** *tv* do sth until one's desire for the act is properly gratified, quenched, or slaked *sirbee dhannaa baafate* He danced until his desire for dancing was properly satisfied. **dhannaa baasuu** *tv* carry through *yoo intalli kun niinna'uu dhiisuu didde reebii dhannaa baasi* If this little girl doesn't stop whining, beat her up real good. **dhannaa bawuu** *iv* leave the system completely *qorri dhannaa nan (na hin) baane* The chill has not left me completely. **dhannaa dhabuu** *iv* be half-hearted about going somewhere, doing sth, etc., i.e., not be enthusiastic *achi dhaquu dhannaa dhabeera* He is not enthusiastic about going there. **dhannaa qabaachuu** *iv* be willing to do sth though half-heartedly *adamoo deemuu dhannaa qaba; gaafan dhaqu hin/him beeku malee* I have the desire to go hunting; I don't know when though. **dhannaan bawuu** *tv* (applies to sth under the skin) come to the surface; be/become visible *gifirri isaa dhannaan bayeera* His measles are now

visible on his skin. **dhannaan beekuu** *iv* have the hunch *akkan har'a obboleessa koo argu dhannaan beekeera* I had the hunch that I would see my brother today (and here he is). **dhannaan godhachuu** *iv* 1 accustom oneself to *eega dukkana dhannaan godhatee booda, xinnoo xinnoo argue danda'e* After he accustomed himself to the darkness, he started to see a little. 2 make oneself too familiar with sb *dhannaan nama godhachuun baayy'annaan tuffii fida* Familiarity breeds contempt. **dhanquu** Same as *dhaanquu* **dhaqa** See *dhaquu* **dhaqaa gala** See *dhaquu* **dhaqachuu** See *dhaquu* **dhaqdhaqii** Same as *dhadhaqii* **dhaqdhaquu** See *dhaquu* **dhaqiinsa** Same as *dhaqa* under *dhaquu* **dhaqna** Same as *dhanna* **dhaqnaan beekuu** Same as *dhannaan beekuu* under *dhanna* **dhaqnaan godhachuu** Same as *dhannaan godhachuu* under *dhanna* **dhaqna qabaa** Same as *dhanna qabaa* under *dhanna* **dhaqna qabduu** Same as *dhanna qabduu* under *dhanna* **dhaqna qabsiisuu** Same as *dhanna qabsiisuu* under *dhanna* **dhaqna qabuu** Same as *dhanna qabuu* under *dhanna* **dhaqqabachuu** Same as *qaqqabachuu*

**dhaqqabsiisuu** Same as *qaqqabsiisuu*  
**dhaqqabuu** Same as *qaqqabuu*  
**dhaqsiisuu** See *dhaquu*  
**dhaquu** *iv* go; be to a place *eessa dhaqxa?* Where are you going?  
*gabaa dhaqan* They have gone to the market. *Mattuu dhaqee beekaa?* Has he ever been to Mattu?  
**dhaqa** *n* going *dhaqa miillaan deemeen gala fardaan deebi'e* When going I walked, when returning, however, I rode a horse. **dhaqaa gala** *n* round trip *yoo dhaqaa gala ta'e guyyaa sadii si deemsisa* If it is a round trip, it takes you three days. **dhaqachuu** *iv* go for self *mana barumsaa dhaqachuun kee baruuf malee taphaaf miti* You go to school to learn not to play.  
**dhaqdhaquu** *iv* go repeatedly *ollaa intalli bareeddun sun jirtu dhaqdhaqa maal yaade laata?* He has started going repeatedly to the neighborhood of that beautiful girl; what is he thinking/What is on his mind?  
**dhaqsiisuu** *tv* cause to go *mucaa xinnoo kana maaltu achi isa dhaqsiise?* What made this little child go there?  
**dhara** See *dharoomsuu*  
**dharoomsuu** *tv* expose a lie through analysis, questioning, etc. *xabaqaan koo soba isee ni/in dharoomsa jedheen amana* I believe my lawyer will expose her lies.  
**dhara** *n* lie; falsehood; untruth  
*dhara, an humaa si arraa hin liqeeffanne* It's a lie; I didn't

borrow anything from you. *dhara moo dhugaa dha?* Is it true or a lie?  
**dharraa** See *dharra'uu*  
**dharraasisuu** See *dharra'uu*  
**dharraayyoo** *n* rivulet; see also *dolooolloo*  
**dharra'uu** *tv* crave, desire, or covet *foon dharra'e* He craved for meat. **dharraa** *n* craving, desire *dharraa foonii commeen hin/him baasu* (proverb) Eating mushroom will not satisfy one's craving for meat. **dharraasisuu** *tv* (usu the mention of sth delicious) cause desire; make one's mouth water *koqaa isa dhadhaa benii dhaan qophaaye maqa dhayee na dharraasisse* When he mentioned grain broth mixed with fresh butter, he made my mouth water.  
**dhas** See *dha*  
**dhawaata** Same as *suuta*  
**dhawuu** *iv, tv* 1 hit or strike sb/sth *dhagaatu quba miilla kootii na dhaye* I stubbed my toe against a stone, lit a stone hit my toe. *funnyaani irra na dhoofta* She struck me on the nose. 2 (used of cold weather, chill, or frost; pneumonia) get; kill *akka qorri isa hin dhoofta eeggadhu* Make sure that he does not get pneumonia. *biqiltuu buna kootii qorratu dhaye* The frost killed my coffee seedlings. 3 hit the water with the hands and feet when swimming 4 hit or urge a horse, usu with the stirrup to make him move fast 5 weave or make yarn



into cloth by working at a loom *wayyaa dhaya* He weaves clothes (at a loom). **6** make a large basket for storing grain; make a mat, pottery, etc. manually **7** braid hair *shurrubbaa dhooftfeef* She braided her hair for her. **8** measure the length of cloth, rope, etc. by using a certain standard, usu the cubit, i.e., the distance between one's elbow and the tip of the middle finger *wayyaan kun dhudhuma meeqa baasa? mee dhayii ilaali* How many cubits is this cloth? Measure it and see. **9** mention sb's name in his/her absence thus, according to this superstition, causing him/her have the hiccups/hicoughs *eenyutu maqaa si dhaye?* Who is it that must have mentioned your name (said to a person who is having the hiccups)? **dhaha n 1** blow, hit, knock, or whack *dhaha tokkoon fuula isaa iiteesse* He made his face swell with one blow. **2** threshing, i.e., separating the grain or seeds from chaff *dhaha xaafii* the threshing of *xaafii* **3** braiding of hair; weaving of cloth *dhaha shurrubbaa irran oole* I was busy with hair braiding all day. **4** resemblance *mucaan kun dhaha abbaa isaati*. There is resemblance between this child and his/her father **dhahachiisuu** *tv* cause to hit (a horse, water), braid, thresh, or weave **dhahachuu** *tv* hit (a horse,

water), braid, thresh, weave for self **dhahamuu** *tv* (passive) be hit, woven, braided **dhahannaa** *n* hitting (water, a horse), braiding, weaving **dhayachuu** *tv* braid, make basket/mat/pottery or weave cloth for self *shurrubbaa dhayatte* She had her hair braided/She braided her hair. **dhayaa** *n* (of water) current *dhayaan bishaan kanaa hamaa dha* This water has a strong current. **dhayachuu** See *dhawuu* **dhayii** *n* fence around a crop **dhayinoo** *n* calico cloth worn loosely by the leader in the *gadaa* system **dhayn'a** Same as *dhanna* **dhedheeraa** See *dheerachuu* **dhedheeressuu** See *dheerachuu* **dhedheeroo** Same as *dhedheeraa* under *dheerachuu* **dhedheertuu** See *dheerachuu* **dheebachaa** Same as *dheebessaa* under *dheebochuu* **dheebessaa** See *dheebochuu* **dheebocha** Same as *deebuu* under *dheebochuu* **dheebochiisuu** See *dheebochuu* **dheebochuu** *iv* be/become thirsty *yoo dheebotte bishaan dhugi; farsoon hin jiru* If you are thirsty, drink water; there is no beer. **dheebessaa** *adj* (of weather, food, etc.) cause thirst *nyaata dheebessaa* thirst causing food **dheebochisuu** *tv* cause to be thirsty *bishaanitti geessuu irraanfatee sa'a dheebochiise* He forgot to take the cattle to the

river (for a drink of water) and made them thirsty. **dheebotaa** *adj* usu of a male human who is thirsty *kara deemaa dheebotaa tokkotu bishaan na kadhate* A thirsty traveler asked me to give him water. **dheebottu** *adj* usu of a female human who is thirsty **dheebsoo** Same as **deebu** *n* thirst *dheebuun na ajjeesee waanan dhugu naa barbaadi* I am dying of thirst; get me something to drink. **dheebuu baasuu** *tv* cause to quench or slake *bishaan kun ni/in xinnaate; dheebuu nan baasu* This water is little; it won't quench my thirst. **dheebuu bawuu** *iv* be quenched; slake *ani dheebuu hin/him baanee bishaan naa dabali* I am not quenched; give me some more water. **dheebotaa** See *dheechohuu* **dheebottuu** See *dheechohuu* **dheebsoo** See *dheechohuu* **dheebuu** See *dheechohuu* **dheebuu baasuu** See *dheechohuu* **dheebuu bawuu** See *dheechohuu* **dheechisuu** See *dheeduu* **dheechuu** Same as *dheessuu* **dheedamaa** See *dheeduu* **dheedamuu** See *dheeduu* **dheedduu** See *dheeduu* **dheedhachuu** *iv* (used of cooked food) be/become raw, rare, or underdone *dinnichi abidda dhabe' dheedhate* The potatoes are underdone because there was no proper heat/fire **dheedhessuu** *tv* (used of cooked food) cause to be rare or underdone *foon kana*

*ni/in dheedhessite; deebisi bilchessi* You made this meat almost raw; cook it again. **2** be back to square one, usu after an issue is just about to be concluded *ilaa dubbii deebisee dheedhesse* The issue is almost concluded, but there he is back to square one! **dheedhii** *adj* **1** (of food) raw *ani foon dheedhii hin nyaadhu* I don't eat raw meat. **2** (of crops and fruits) green; unripe *kookii dheedhii unripe peach* **3** (of food) half-cooked, rare, or underdone *foon kun dheedhii dha; bilcheessi* This meat is underdone; cook it again until it is well-done. **4** (usu of butter) fresh, i.e., not undergone fermentation **5** raw *meeshaa dheedhii raw material* **dheedhii baasuu** *tv* discontinue cooking before what is being cooked is cooked/done to a turn **dheedhessuu** See *dheedhachuu* **dheedhii** See *dheedhachuu* **dheedhii baasuu** See *dheedhachuu* **dheedsisuu** Same as *dheechisuu* under *dheeduu* **dheeduu** *tv* graze, i.e., eat grass or other plants *hoolaan raafuu dheedde* The sheep ate the cabbage. *saawwan dheedutti jiru* The cows are grazing. *lafa hundumaa yoo qonnee fixne horiin eessa dheeduu?* If we cultivate all the land, where will the domestic animals graze? *lafa horiin itti dheeddu hin qotinaa* Don't farm the grazing area. **dheechisuu** *tv* **1** make eat or

graze *maaliif reettii raafuu dheechiste* or *dheechiifte*? Why did you let the goats eat the cabbage? **2** Same as *dheessisuu* under *dheessuu*

**dheeffachuu** Same as *dheessachuu* under *dheessuu*

**dheeffuu** See *dheessuu*

**dheefsisuu** Same as *dheessisuu* under *dheessuu*

**dheeftuu** Same as *dheessituu* under *dheessuu*

**dheeggee** Same as *eegee*

**dheekkamaa** See *dheekkamuu*

**dheekkamachuu** See *dheekkamuu*

**dheekkamsa hinqabnee** See *dheekkamuu*

**dheekkamsiisuu** See *dheekkamuu*

**dheekkamsuu** See *dheekkamuu*

**dheekkamuu** *iv* **1** be/ become angry; admonish, rebuke or scold sb (for sth) *abbaan koo eda natti dheekkame* My father scolded me last night. *yoona yaroo dhaan hojiitti bawuu dhiise abbaan koo ni/in dheekkama* If I don't go to work in time, my father will become angry. **2** (used of lightning; takes *itti*) strike, kill *bakakkaatu itti dheekkame* Lightning struck/killed it, her, him, or them See also *beekuu* (**2**)

**dheekkamaa** *adj* (of male humans) quick tempered; irascible; irate

**dheekkammachuu** *tv* admonish or advise one's close relative or friend in a stern manner (for self) *ilma isaatti dheekkammatee qajeelfate* He advised his son in a

stern manner and corrected him.

**dheekkamsa** *n* scolding; anger *abbaan koo akkuma ol seeneen dheekkamsaan na jalqabe* My father began to give me a scolding as soon as he came in.

**dheekkamsiisuu** *tv* make angry; cause to scold *abbaa koo natti dheekkamsiiste/dheekkamsiifte* She made my father scold me.

**dheekkamsuu** Same as *dheekkamsa* under *dheekkamuu*

**dheengadda** *adv* the day before yesterday *dheengadda dhufte* She came the day before yesterday.

**dheengada duuba** *adv* the day before, before yesterday, e.g. if it is Monday today *dheengadda duuba* is the previous Friday

**dheengaddaa-taan** Same as *dheengadda duuba*

**dheengawuu** Same as *waga'uu*

**dheengee** *n* small cup from which babies and very young children drink; see also *qabee<sup>1</sup>* (**2**)

**dheensifachuu** Same as *dheessifachuu* under *dheessuu*

**dheensisuu** Same as *dheessisuu* under *dheessuu*

**dheensituu** Same as *dheessituu* under *dheessuu*

**dheensuu** Same as *dheessuu*

**dheeraa** See *dheerachuu*

**dheerachuu** *iv* be/ become tall or long *funyoon kun baay'ee dheerate* This rope is too long. *intalli koo ni/in dheeratti* My daughter will be tall. **dhedheeraa** *adj* (masc and pl) tall or long *namoota dhedheeraa shantu asiin darbe* Five

tall persons passed this way.  
*muka dhedheeraa naa fidi* Bring me  
the long ones (wood)

**dhedheeressuu** *tv* (usu follows  
pl noun) cause to be long *muka*  
*kana yoo dhedheeressitee muruu*  
*baatte utubaaf hin ta'u* If you don't  
make each piece of wood you  
cut long enough, it won't do for  
a pillar. **dhedheertuu** *adj* (usu of  
females; follows pl noun) of tall  
females *dubartoota dhedheertuu*  
*shantu asiin darbe* Five tall  
women passed this way.

**dheeraa** *adj* (masc) tall or long  
*gurbaa dheeraa* a tall boy *funyoo*  
*dheeraa* a long rope *eega wal*  
*agarree/arginee yaroo dheeraa dha*  
It's been a long time since we  
saw each other. **dheereffachuu**  
*tv* cause to be long for self *agadaa*  
*dheereffadhu arraa muradhu* Cut a  
longer piece off the sugar cane  
and take it. **2** stretch, usu the  
arm or the neck *bofi morma isaa*  
*dheereffatee na iddee oole* A snake  
stretched its neck and almost bit  
me. **dheereffamuu** *tv* (passive) **1**  
be made long *muki kun in/ni*  
*dheereffamee xinnoo arraa muri*  
This wood is made too long, cut  
off a piece. **2** (of discussion,  
speech, conversation) be made to  
drag; be made too long  
**dheeressuu** *tv* **1** cause to be long  
or tall *muka kana in/ni dheeressitee*  
*arraa muri* You made this wood  
too long; cut off a piece. *inni*  
*akkana na gabaabsee na uume isa*  
*maaliif akkana dheeresse?* Whoever

created him and me, why did  
he/she/it make me so short and  
make him so tall? **2** (of speech,  
writing, etc.) cause to be too long  
*dubbii hin dheeressin; gabaabsi*  
Don't make your speech too  
long; make it short. **dheerina** *n*  
length **dheertuu** *adj* (usu of  
females) *ani waan ta'eef hin/him*  
*beeku, durba dheertuu jaal'ata* I  
don't know why, he likes a tall  
girl.

**dheereffachuu** See *dheerachuu*

**dheereffamuu** See *dheerachuu*

**dheeressamuu** Same as

*dheereffamuu* under *dheerachuu*

**dheeressuu** See *dheerachuu*

**dheerina** See *dheerachuu*

**dheertuu** See *dheerachuu*

**dheessa** See *dheessuu*

**dheessaa** See *dheessuu*

**dheessachuu** See *dheessuu*

**dheessifachuu** See *dheessuu*

**dheessisuu** See *dheessuu*

**dheessituu** See *dheessuu*

**dheessuu** **iv** **1** take a shelter from  
the rain *kaleessa muka sana jalatti*  
*bokkaa dheessine* Yesterday we  
sheltered from the rain under  
that tree **2** avoid, i.e., refuse to  
come/go near sb (as a child does  
to a parent after long separation)  
*ilmi koo na irraanfatee na dheesse*  
My little son forgot me and  
refused to come near me. **3**  
(applies to running away from  
danger) beat a retreat; desert;  
escape; flee; run away; take  
flight; take to flight; take to one's  
heels; turn tail *wal irraa hin*

*dheessinu gurbaa!* Man, we shall not desert each other! see also *baqachuu* (Taken from Zarihun Wadaajoo's song) **dheessa** *n* running away from danger *dheessa foolisii kufee caccabe* While running away from a police person, he fell down and broke himself. **dheessaa** *adj* of a male human that turns tail **dheessachuu** *iv* hold on to one's belongings (for self) and flee **dheessifachuu** *tv* cause to escape sb (for self) *akka inni hin dhaanamnen ilma koo abbaa isaa jalaa dheessifadhe* I made my son escape his father's beating. **dheessisuu** *tv* cause sb to escape *amansiiseen isa dheessise malee inni asumattan du'a malee hin dheessu jedhee ture* He wanted to die there rather than run for his life, but I persuaded him and convinced him to escape. **dheessituu** *adj* of a person who deserts or runs away **dheeksifachuu** Same as *dheessifachuu* under *dheessuu* **dheeksisuu** Same as *dheessisuu* under *dheessuu* **dheeksituu** Same as *dheessituu* under *dheessuu* **dheeksuu** Same as *dheessuu* **dhekkelluu** Same as *hodhuu* **dhi'aana** Same as *dhiyaana* **dhibaa** See *dhibuu* **dhibaafachuu** *tv* make libation *dubartoonnii dacha'anii qollootti dhibaaabatan* The women gathered together and made libations to

the sacred tree. **dhibaaayyuu** *n* libation *barana hundumtuu nuuf toleera; kottaa dhibaaayyuu dhibaaafannaa* Everything went right for us this year; come let us offer libation to the gods. **dhibaaawuu** *iv* drag one's feet; lie down on the job, i.e., be lazy intentionally *hin dhibaaayin; daddafii hojjadhu* Don't lie down on the job; work fast. **dhibaaayaa** *adj* (of male humans or animals) lazy *sangaa dhibaaayaa* a lazy ox **dhibeessuu** *tv* cause to be lazy **dhibooftuu** *adj* (usu of female humans) lazy *intala dhibooftuu* a lazy girl **dhibaaayaa** See *dhibaaawuu* **dhibaaayyuu** See *dhibaafachuu* **dhibamaa** See *dhibamuu* **dhibamsiisuu** See *dhibamuu* **dhibamtuu** See *dhibamuu* **dhibamuu** *iv* be afflicted both physically and mentally; be weakened usu by illness or lack of proper diet *dhukkubaan dhibame* He was weakened by illness *nyaata gaarii dhabee dhibame* He was afflicted for lack of proper diet. **dhibamaa** *adj* 1 of male humans or animals that have been afflicted by disease or lack of nutrition *sangaa dhibamaa* an afflicted ox *gurbaa dhibamaa* an afflicted boy 2 (male animals or humans) wicked *namicha dhibamaa kanatti waan tokko hin himin* Don't tell anything to this wicked man **dhibamsiisuu** *tv* cause to be feeble, sickly, frail

**dhibamtuu** *adj* (usu of female humans or animals) frail; feeble or sickly **dhibee** *n* 1 disease; illness *dhibeen isaa beekamee?* Is his/its illness diagnosed? 2 poverty; see also **iyyuma** 3 problem in general; wrong, i.e., out of order *dhibeen makiinaa sanaa maayinni?* What is wrong with that car? **lakkii dhibee humaa hin qabu** There is nothing wrong with it.

**dhibantaa** *n* 1 Same as **miiltoo** 2 something that's considered precious, priceless, and valuable

**dhibba** *adj*, *n* a/one hundred or 100 *dhibba sagalii fi sagaltamii sagal* nine hundred ninety-nine or 999 *dhibbaa fi tokko, dhibbaa fi lama ...dhibbaa fi sagal* a/one hundred and one or 101, a/one hundred and two or 102, a/one hundred and nine or 109; *dhibba tokko* or 100, *dhibba lama* or 200; *dhibba sagal* or 900; *birri isa abbaa dhibbaa* a one-hundred-birr- bill

**dhibbaalaa** *n* lieutenant **dhibba dhibbaan** *adv* in hundreds *dhibba dhibbaan lakkaayi* Count the money in hundreds, please. **dhibbaffaa** *adv* hundredth or 100<sup>th</sup> **dhibbaan** *adv* for one hundred *dhibbaan bitte* She bought it for one hundred.

**dhibbantaa** *n* per cent

**dhibbaalaa** See *dhibba*

**dhibbaan** See *dhibba*

**dhibbaffaa** See *dhibba*

**dhibbantaa** See *dhibba*

**dhibboo** Same as *hibboo*

**dhibe** See *dhibuu*

**dhibee** See *dhibamuu*

**dhibeetchuu** Same as *dhibeessuu* under *dhibaawuu*

**dhibeessuu** See *dhibaawuu*

**dhiboo** Same as *dhibaa* under *dhibuu*

**dhibooftuu** See *dhibaawuu*

**dhibuu** *iv* 1 be the matter (with), i.e., be ill *waatu mucaa koo dhibe*

There is something wrong with my child, i.e., he or she looks

sick. *dhuguma ni/in roqoma woo*

*maaltu isa dhibe?* True, he is

shivering; what is the matter

with him? 2 be lacking *maaltu*

*dhibe?* What is lacking?

*hundumtuu jira; humtuu hin*

*dhibne* There is everything;

nothing is lacking. **dhibaa** *adj*

(usu of matter, i.e., material for thought or expression) difficult

or hard to deal with or solve

*dubbiin kun dhibaa dha* This

matter is difficult to solve. **dhibe**

(usu used with questions; *dhibe*

is the only form used for

pl/sing/gender) care or worry

*yoo nyaatanis yoo dhiisanis dhimma*

*isaaniiti; si maaltu dhibe?* Whether

they eat or not, that's their

business; why do you care?

**dhiddee** Same as *xaddee*

**dhidhiibamuu** See *dhidhiibuu*

**dhidhiibbaa** See *dhidhiibuu*

**dhidhiibbachuu** See *dhidhiibuu*

**dhidhiibsisfachuu** See *dhidhiibuu*

**dhidhiibsisuu** See *dhidhiibuu*

**dhidhiibuu** *tv* massage, usu to set sprained joints; also to set the

back or muscles *arki koo caberaa naa dhidhiibi* My hand is broken; please set it for me. *dudda naa dhidhiibde* She massaged my back for me. **dhidhiibamuu** *tv* (passive) be massaged *arki isaa dhidhiibameeraafii?* Is his sprained wrist set for him? **dhidhiibbaa** *n* massaging *lafee cabe dhidhiibbaan ni/in fayyisaa?* Will massaging cure a broken bone?

**dhidhiibbachuu** *tv* massage for self *miilla isaa dhidhiibbata* He is massaging his foot/leg.

**dhidhiibsifachuu** *tv* cause to massage for self *arka kee isa buqqa'ee dhidhiibsifadhu* Have your sprained writst massaged

**dhidhiibsisuu** cause to massage

**dhidhiitachuu** See *dhiituu*

**dhidhiitamuu** See *dhiituu*

**dhidhima** See *dhidhimuu*

**dhidhimsuu** See *dhidhimuu*

**dhidhimuu** *iv* be caught in a marsh, mud, or quagmire *sangaan koo caffee lixee dhidhime* My ox entered the marshy place and was caught in a marsh. **2** (used of the sun) set *aduun dhidhimteetti* The sun has set. **3** (indicates that the speaker is disgusted by sb who refuses to stay) go *dhidhimi kaa maaltu na dhibe* Go for ever and never return; I don't care. **dhidhima** *n* **1** abyss, usu below precipice *dhidhima bu'e* He fell from the precipice into the abyss. **2** south; see also *kibba* which is now commonly used **dhidhimsuu** *tv*

**1** cause to be caught in marsh, mud, or quagmire *dhogqeen na dhidhimsee oole* I was about to be caught in the mud. **2** fail or refuse to return what has been borrowed *waan nama arraa ergifaattu hunda ni/in dhidhimsiti* She doesn't return whatever she has borrowed from people.

**dhidhiyaachuu** See *dhiyaachuu*<sup>1</sup>

**dhi'eenna** Same as *dhiyeenya* under *dhiyaachuu*<sup>2</sup>

**dhi'eennatti** Same as *dhiyootti* under *dhiyaachuu*<sup>2</sup>

**dhih'eenyatti** Same as *dhiyootti* under *dhiyaachuu*<sup>2</sup>

**dhifachuu** See *dhisuu*

**dhifamuu** See *dhisuu*

**dhiha** Same as *dhiya* under *dhiwuu*

**dhihana** Same as *dhiyaana*

**dhiheenya** Same as *dhiyeenya* under *dhiyaachuu*<sup>2</sup>

**dhihoo** Same as *dhiyoo* under *dhiyaachuu*

**dhihuu** Same as *dhiwuu*

**dhiibbachuu** See *dhiibuu*

**dhiibbii** Same as *xiiqii*; see also *morkii* under *morkachuu*

**dhiibboo** Same as *dhiibbaa* under *dhiibuu*

**dhiibichoo** See *dhiibuu*

**dhiibuu**<sup>1</sup> *tv* **1** push *adaraa makiina kana naa dhiibaa* Please push this car for me. **2** encroach on or trespass, i.e., advance beyond established limit *daarii na dhiibe* He advanced beyond the boundary line and took my land. **dhiibbaa** *n* oppression, i.e., unfair and cruel treatment of a

person or society *dhiibbaa jibbeen biyyaa baye* I fled the country because I hated oppression  
**dhiibbachuu** *tv* push for self  
*makiinaa isaa dhiibbatee eega kaafatee booda utaalee keessa seene*  
 He pushed his car for self and when it started, he jumped in (and drove away). **dhiibichoo** *n* pushing game in which usu two children stand face to face and push one another until one of the opponent's foot/feet is/are off the ground **dhiibsisuu** *tv* cause to push *birri shan nuu kennee makiinaa isaa nu dhiibsisee*  
 He gave us five birr and made us push his car for him

**dhiibuu**<sup>2</sup> *n* a very narrow pass, usu between two mountains  
*dhiibuun sun harree lamayyu wal bira hin dabarsu* That pass is too narrow even for two donkeys to pass each other at the same time.

**dhiichisa** See *dhiituu*

**dhiichisuu** Same as *dhiichisiisuu* under *dhiituu*

**dhiifama** an expression which means "excuse me"; it usually takes "naa godh/godhaa" *dhiifama naa godhi/godhaa* Excuse me (you sing/pl/hon). See also *dhiisuu* (4)

**dhiiga** See *dhiiguu*

**dhiiga buusuu** See *dhiiguu*

**dhiiga namaa** See *dhiiguu*

**dhiigsuu** See *dhiiguu*

**dhiigummaa** See *dhiiguu*

**dhiiguu** *iv* bleed, i.e., lose or emit blood *qoraattiin waraannaan keessi*

*miilla isaa baay'ee dhiige* The sole of his foot where a thorn pricked him bled profusely. **dhiiga** *n* 1 blood, i.e., the red fluid itself *eeggadhu kittaa keetti dhiiga buuftaa* Watch out, you will stain your shirt with blood. 2 blood, i.e., kinship or very close relatives *nuyi woo dhiiga tokkoo maaliif wal jibbinaa?* Since we are of the same blood, why do we hate each other? 3 (usu of animals for slaughter) somewhat fat *hoolaa isa dhiiga qabu biti* Buy a somewhat fat lamb. 4 (used in negative expressions usu when vowing; takes noun or pronoun) for the life of me or sb, i.e., not even if it means giving up one's life; definitely not; not on your life! *dhiiga kee isatti hin eerumu* I will not marry him, not on your life! *dhiiga mucaa kootii natti ha ta'u kana hin nyaadhu* For the life of my child, I won't eat this.  
**dhiiga buusuu** *tv* slaughter an animal in honor of the deity of one's choice **dhiiga namaa** *adv* an expression meaning emphatically no! never *diiga namaati itti hin araaramu* I shall never ever be reconciled to him/her. **dhiigsuu** *tv* cause to bleed *billaa dhaan quba koo of mureen baay'ee of dhiigse* I cut my finger with a knife (by accident) and made it (my finger) bleed profusely. **dhiigummaa** *n* (usu takes *walittii*) blood, i.e., relationships; kinship



*dhiigummaa walittii hin qabnu* We are not of the same blood or we are not related by blood.

**dhiilgee** *n* 1 red corn/maize 2 large skin bag; see also *qalqala* under *qalqaluu*

**dhiira** *adj, n* 1 boy *dhiira deesse* She gave birth to a boy. 2 man *dhiira lamaa fi dubartii shantu dhufe* Two men and five women came. 3 brave, courageous, valiant, or valorous *ilmi koo dhiira humaa hin sodaatu* My son is brave; he is not afraid of anything. **dhiira ta'uu** *iv* become courageous after being considered a coward **dhiiroo** (pl; expression) courageous, brave men *dhiiroo, atuus isin jirtanuu hin moowamnu!* We won't be defeated while you, brave men, are there for us.

**dhiirummaa** *n* 1 manhood; manliness 2 courage; bravery

**dhiiroo** See *dhiira*

**dhiiroora** Same as *dirmammuu* under *dirmammaawuu*

**dhiirummaa** See *dhiira*

**dhiisifachuu** See *dhiwuu*

**dhiisisuu**<sup>1</sup> See *dhiisuu*

**dhiisisuu**<sup>2</sup> See *dhiwuu*

**dhiisuu** *tv* 1 leave sb/sth behind, at some place with sb, etc. *mucaa isee na biratti dhiiftee gabaa deemte* She left her child with me and went to the market *bakkeetti na dhiisee bade* He abandoned me, i.e., he left me in the lurch. 2 leave sth remain in a certain condition *balbala banaatti dhiisee deeme* He left the door open and

went away. 3 give up, quit, or stop (drinking, smoking, etc.) *dhugaatiis gaayyaas dhiiseera* He has quit both drinking and smoking 4 (takes noun or pronoun) excuse, forgive or pardon *naa dhiisi ilma koo natu balleesse* Forgive me, my son, it is my fault 5 leave sb/sth alone, i.e., stop interfering with or teasing *lakkii na dhiisi* Leave me alone, don't bother me 6 leave, i.e., commit or entrust *dubbii kana sitti dhiiseera* I have left the matter to you. 7 (takes *itti*; jussive use only) don't bother, inconvenience, or trouble *itti dhiisi naa jettee hin rakkatin* Don't trouble yourself for my sake 8 (takes *bakkeetti* and *baduu*) leave sb in the lurch *bakkeetti na dhiisee bade* He left me in the lurch.

**dhiisisuu** *tv* make give up, quit, or stop *iseetu dhugaatii na dhiisee* She was the one who made me give up drinking

**dhiita** Same as *iita* under *iita'uu*

**dhiitaa** Same as *iita* under *dhiituu*

**dhiita'aa** Same as *iita'aa* under *iita'uu*

**dhiitacha** Same as *dhiitichoo* under *dhiituu*

**dhiitachuu** See *dhiituu*

**dhiita'uu** Same as *iita'uu*

**dhiitamuu** See *dhiituu*

**dhiiticha**<sup>1</sup> Same as *iita* under *iita'uu*

**dhiiticha**<sup>2</sup> See *dhiituu*

**dhiitichoo** See *dhiituu*

**dhiitoftuu** Same as *iitoftuu* under *iita'uu*

**dhiitoo** Same as *iita* under *iita'uu*

**dhiitoo qorsaa** *n* swelling believed to be caused by freezing cold

**dhiittaa** See *dhiituu*

**dhiituu** *tv* 1 kick *harreen akkamuu wal dhiittu ilkaan wal irraa hin fixxu* (proverb) No matter how hard donkeys seem to kick each other, they won't break one another's teeth. 2 (used of a plow) fasten or tie firmly *gindoo dhiitee fixeeraa?* Has he finished fastening the stock, the beam, etc. of the plow together? 3 knead or mix mud and hay (by trampling it down) before using the mixture for plastering a wall *kaleessa dhoqqee dhiitaa oole*. He was kneading a mixture of mud and hay all day yesterday.

**dhidhiitachuu** *iv* writhe, i.e., kick about helplessly in pain as slaughtered animals do just before dying *du'uuf dhidhiitata malee hin duune* He is writhing in pain; he has not died yet.

**dhidhiitamuu** *tv* (passive) 1 be kicked repeatedly 2 (fig) be oppressed; be ridden over roughshod; be subjugated *sabni mirga ofitiif hin mormine dhidhiitamuun isaa hin oolu* A society that doesn't struggle for its rights is bound to be oppressed. **dhiichisa** *n* a kind of dance involving kicking the ground while moving the neck

rhythmically **dhiichisiisuu** *tv* cause to kick *harree isaa na dhiichisiise* He made his donkey kick me. **dhiitaa** *adj* (usu of donkeys) one that kicks *harree dhiitaa* a donkey that is notorious for kicking **dhiitachuu** *iv, tv* (usu used of tied animals) kick (sth off), usu to remove ropes, straps, etc. with which they are tied *sa'i kun dhiitattee funyoo miilla isee irraa baafta* This cow kicked the rope off her legs. *gaangeen kun yoo takaalamte malee ni/in dhiitatti* Unless hobbled up, this mule will kick about.

**dhiitamuu** *tv* (passive) 1 be kicked *gaangee dhaan dhiitame du'e* He was kicked by a mule and died. 2 be oppressed *bara baraan dhiitamu* They have been oppressed year in and year out. *dhiitamaa dhuma jiraatu* They are oppressed, and yet they some how continue to survive.

**dhiiticha** *n* 1 Same as *iita* 2 oppression **dhiitichoo** *n* children's game in which the players kick each other until the opponent sits down as a sign of submission *kottu dhiitichoo taphannaa* Come, let's play the game of kicking. **dhiittaa** *n* fastening of plow *dhiittaaan gindoo laafeera* The fastening of the plow has become loose/has slackened.

**dhikdhik jechuu** Same as *dhikkifachuu*

**dhikkifachuu** *iv* 1 sting, throb with pain, or feel sharp pain  
*dhullaan koo na dhikkifata* The part of my body where there is a boil throbbed with pain. 2 beat, pulsate, or throb

**dhilbee** *adj* a horse or an ox that refuses to be broken in 2 of a person who hates to work; lazy

**dhimbiibaa** See *dhimbiibuu*

**dhimbiibbaa** See *dhimbiibuu*

**dhimbiibbachuu** See *dhimbiibuu*

**dhimbiibsisuu** See *dhimbiibuu*

**dhimbiibuu** *tv* strain, i.e., pass liquid or semi-liquid substance such as dough through a sieve  
*bukoo dhimbiibdeettii?* Has she strained the dough? **dhimbiibaa** *n* sieve; strainer **dhimbiibbaa** *adj*, *n* 1 strained *bukoon yoo dhimbiibbaa tole malee buddeenni hin tolu* Unless the dough is well strained, the bread won't be good/nice. 2 straining  
*dhimbiibbaan bukoo kanaa yaroo dheeraa fixe* The straining of this dough took a long time.

**dhimbiibbachuu** *tv* strain for self **dhimbiibsisuu** *tv* cause to strain *intala isee bukoo dhimbiibsisfte /dhimbiibsisfte* She made her daughter strain the dough.

**dhimma** *n* 1 affair or business, i.e., concern, duty, responsibility, or task *inni dhimma kee miti; dhimma kooti malee* That's my business, not yours. **dura taa'aa dhimma alaa** *n* chairman of foreign affairs 2 care, problem, or worry

*jarri hundumaa qabu; dhimma hin qabanu* They have everything; they have no worries of any kind. **dhimma baasuu** *tv* serve a purpose *waanti haaraan ati kaleessa bitte sun maal dhimma baasa?* What purpose does the new material you bought yesterday serve?

**dhimmisuu** *iv* leak, i.e., permit liquid to pass through *manni koo ni/in dhimmisa* My house leaks. *uuroon koo hin dhimmisu* My jar doesn't leak. **dhimmuu** *n* leakage, i.e., liquid (*usu* rain) that escapes by leaking  
*dhimmuun mana cabsa; dhiphuun nama cabsa* (proverb) A leak in a roof wears away a house, and misery/poverty wears a person down.

**dhimmuu** See *dhimmisuu*

**dhimuu** *n* wild, pea-like plant, the seeds of which are worn as ornament

**dhinaa** Same as *fayyaa* (1) under *fayyuu*

**dhinbiibaa** Same as *dhimbiibaa* under *dhimbiibuu*

**dhinbiibbaa** Same as *dhimbiibbaa* under *dhimbiibuu*

**dhinbiibuu** Same as *dhimbiibuu*

**dhinsuu** Same as *fayyisuu* under *fayyuu*

**dhinuu** Same as *fayyuu* (1)

**dhiphachuu** *iv* 1 be narrow *balballi kun ni/in dhiphate* This doorway is narrow. 2 (used of clothes, hats, shoes) be tight *kofoon koo jilba arraan natti dhiphate; mee naa*

*bal'isi* The knees of my trousers are too tight; please make them a little fuller. 3 (usu takes *arka*) be short of sth; be in financial straits *arka kootu na dhiphate malee baay'een si kenna ture* Had I not been short of it, I would have given you a lot more than this. 4 trouble, i.e., bother or inconvenience oneself *hin dhiphatin; itti dhiisi* Don't bother (trouble); leave it. **dhiphina** *n* 1 lacking width; narrowness *manni kun dhiphina hin qabu* The problem of this house is not lack of width. 2 poverty or shortage *dhiphina jibbee biyyaa bade* He fled the village because he hated poverty. **dhiphisuu** *tv* 1 narrow, i.e., reduce in width *karaan kun iddoo kanatti baay'ee bal'ateera; xinnoo dhiphisaa* This road is too wide here; narrow it a little. 2 (used of clothes, hats, shoes) make tight *abbaan makiinaa kittaa koo na duraa dhiphise* The tailor made my shirt too tight.

**dhiphoo** *adj* 1 narrow *karaa dhiphoo* a narrow road 2 tight *kophee dhiphoo* a tight shoe

**dhiphuu** *n* hardship; poverty; trouble *dhiphuutu jaarsa isa fakkeessa malee maal kaleessa dhalatewoo* A life full of hardships made him look much older than his age; otherwise, he was born just yesterday, i.e., relatively recently.

**dhiphina** See *dhiphachuu*  
**dhiphisuu** See *dhiphachuu*

**dhiphoo** See *dhiphachuu*  
**dhiphuu** See *dhiphachuu*  
**dhiqaa** See *dhiquu*  
**dhiqachiisuu** See *dhiquu*  
**dhiqachuu** See *dhiquu*  
**dhiqamaa** See *dhiquu*  
**dhiqamuu** See *dhiquu*  
**dhiquu** *tv* (does not apply to clothes) wash sb/sth *mucaa dhanna dhiqxee?* Have you given the baby a bath? *arka atuu hin dhiqatin nyaachuun gaarii miti* It is not good to eat before washing one's hands. *burcuqqoo kana saamunaa dhaan dhiqi* Wash this glass with soap (and water). **dhiqaa** *n* used of dirty water, i.e., water that remains after sth has been washed with it *bishaan dhiqaayyuu manaa hin qabu* I don't have even used water, as it were, in the house **dhiqachiisuu** *tv* help sb wash by pouring water on his/her hands/feet *dhaqii abbaa kee arka dhiqachiisi* Go and help your father wash his hands by pouring water on his hands. **dhiqachuu** *tv* wash one's body or part of the body *dhanna isaa bishaan hoo'aa dhaan dhiqatee hin/him beeku* He has never washed himself in warm water. *miilla kee dhiqadhu* Wash your feet. **dhiqamaa** *adj* 1 (usu of top soil) washed or eroded *lafa dhiqamaa* washed top soil 2 washed *burcuqqoo isa dhiqamaa fi isa hin dhiqamin walitti hin makin* Don't put the washed glasses and the unwashed ones

together. **dhiqamuu** *tv* be washed *ro'oon dhiqameeraa?* Is the churn washed?

**dhirsa** *n* husband *dhirsi koo nama gaarii dha* My husband is a nice man. See also *abbbaa manaa*

**dhirsa durbummaa** *n* first husband (lit the one who disvirgined the woman) **dhirsa**

**misiroo** *n* a recently married man or a newly wed groom

**dhisachuu** Same as *dhiwachuu* under *dhisuu*

**dhisamuu** Same as *dhihamuu* under *dhisuu*

**dhisuu** *tv* stretch pelt/skin for drying **gogaa dhisuutti jira** He is stretching pelt so as to dry it. **dhiwachuu** *iv, tv* 1 stretch pelt or skin of animals for drying (for self) *gogaa hoolaa dhifate* He stretched sheep pelt for drying (for self). 2 stretch out one's legs, *usu* while lying down *dhifattee rafte* She stretched out her legs and slept (cf., *kottoonfachuu*); see also *diriirfachuu* under *diriiruu* **dhihamuu** *tv* be distended, *usu* just before dying or immediately after death *graan isaa dhifameera* His stomach has distended.

**dhiwuu** *iv* (of nightfall) get dark; set in *dhiyeeraa ka'aa ni/in gallaa* It's getting dark; let's go home. **dhiisifachuu** *iv* stay or wait until nightfall or until it gets dark *dhiisifattee deemte* She waited until it got dark and left (when it did get dark). **dhiisisuu** *tv* (takes *tti*) make sb late until

dark/nightfall *situ natti dhiisise malee ani guyyaa dhaanin gala ture* If you hadn't made me late until night set in, I could have reached home in broad day light. **dhiya** *n* 1 evening; night *dhiya dhufe* He came at night. See also *alkan* 2 west

**dhiyaa** Same as *dhiyaana*

**dhiyaachuu**<sup>1</sup> *iv* 1 approach, be near, or come/go close to *natti dhiyaadhuu taa'i* Sit close to me. *mana isaatti dhiyaannee?* Are we getting closer to his house? 2 appear or report, *usu* to a court after one has been served a summons *immaanyiin dhiyaateeraa?* Has the witness appeared (before the court)? **dhidhiyaachuu** *iv* (pl) come/go closer to *walitti dhidhiyaatanii taa'ani* They sat closer to each other. **dhiyeeffachuu** *tv* summon or subpoena a defendant, a witness, etc. for self **dhiyeessuu** *tv* 1 summon or subpoena a defendant, a witness, etc. to a law court *nama isa himatame mootumaatu dhaddachatti dhiyeessa* A defendant is summoned to appear in a court of law by a government. 2 serve, i.e., bring/offer food at meal time *irbaata dhiyeessi* Serve dinner.

**dhiyaachuu**<sup>2</sup> *iv* near, i.e., come closer to (in space or time); approach *Goreetti dhiyaannee aara galfanne* We will rest when we are near *Gore awuu yaroona*

*eeruma isee dhiyaatuun boowuu jalqabe* I started crying as the day of her wedding neared.

**dhiyeenya** *adv* recently *dhiyeenya biyya ingliiziitii dhufe* He came from England recently. **dhiyoo** *adj, adv* **1** close/near *manni koo asi dhiyoo dha; kottaa dhaqnee buna dhugnaa* My house is very close; let's go and have coffee. **2**

recently *akkoon isee dhiyoo du'ani* Her grandmother died recently.

**dhiyootti** *adj, adv* nearby/close by *asi dhiyootti dunkaana dhaabaniiru* They have pitched a tent nearby. **3** soon *dhiyootti waan tokko dhagawuun keenya hin oolu* We will hear something very soon.

**dhiyaana** *n* meal served any time; lunch *dhiyaana dhiyessi* Serve lunch/meal.

**dhiyeeffachuu** See *dhiyaachuu*<sup>1</sup>  
**dhiyeennatti** Same as *dhiyootti* under *dhiyaachuu*<sup>2</sup>

**dhiyeenya** See *dhiyaachuu*<sup>2</sup>

**dhiyeenyatti** Same as *dhiyootti* under *dhiyaachuu*<sup>2</sup>

**dhiyeessuu** See *dhiyaachuu*<sup>1</sup>

**dhiyoo** See *dhiyaachuu*<sup>2</sup>

**dhiyotti** See *dhiyaachuu*<sup>2</sup>

**dhiyuu** Same as *dhiwuu*

**dhochuu** Same as *dhoksuu* under *dhokachuu*

**dhodo'aa** Same as *dhodhoowaa* under *dhoowuu*

**dhodhoobboo** Same *qorii* under *qoreessuu*

**dhodhowaa** See *dhoowuu*

**dhoffachuu** Same as *dhokfachuu* under *dhokachuu*

**dhoffee** *adj* **1** plump and nice-looking; pleasant to look at *jabbii dhoffee* a plump, nice-looking calf **2** (usu of stalk) hollow; see also *hoffaa*

**dhohaa** Same as *dhoowaa*

**dhokachuu** *iv* hide oneself *na dhokatte* She hid herself from me. *dhokate na rukute* He hid somewhere and hit me.

**dhokannaa** *n* hiding *dhokannaa dhiisii gadi bayi* Stop hiding and come out. **dhokattuu** *adj* concealed; hidden; invisible *iddoo dhokattuu* a convenient place for hiding **dhokfachuu** *tv* **1** hide sth for self *dammaa xinnoo dhokfadheen booddee gurguradha* I will hide little honey (for self) and sell it later on. **2** keep sth back from; hide one's feelings *humaa natti hin himu; rakkoo isaa ni/in dhokfata* He hides his feelings; he won't tell me his problems. **dhoksaa** *n* secret *dubbiin kun dhoksaa dhaa namatti hin himin* This is a secret; do not tell anybody. See also *icitii*

**dhoksaa dhaan** *adv* in secrecy; in secret *atuu inni hin beekin dhoksaa dhaan irbaata nuu qophessite* She prepared dinner for us in secrecy without his knowledge.

**dhoksaatti** *adv* clandestinely, covertly, furtively, secretly, stealthily, surreptitiously, or underhandedly *dhoksaatti kottu* Come secretly. See also *dhoksaa*

*dhaan* above **dhoksiisuu** *tv* cause to hide or conceal *mee waan kana obboleessa keetti kennii naa dhoksiisi* Give this thing to your brother and make him hide it for me. **dhoksuu** *tv* bury, cache, cloak, conceal, hide, or secrete sth/sb from sb *akka inni aare irratti bartee eeboo isaa duraa dhoksite* Sensing that he was angry, she hid his spear. **2** keep a secret *maaliif na dhoksanii isa duwwaa waamani?* Why did they invite him alone secretly without telling me? *achi isa dhoksi* Hide him there.

**dhokannaa** See *dhokachuu*

**dhokattuu** See *dhokachuu*

**dhokfachuu** See *dhokachuu*

**dhokkaasuu** Same as *dhukaasuu*

**dhoksaa** See *dhokachuu*

**dhoksaa dhaan** See *dhokachuu*

**dhoksaatti** See *dhokachuu*

**dhoksachuu** Same as *dhokfachuu* under *dhokachuu*

**dhoksiisuu** See *dhokachuu*

**dhoksuu** See *dhokachuu*

**dholbee** *adj* big, bulky, huge, large *dholbee arbaa* a huge elephant

**dhommoqaa** See *dhommoquu*

**dhommoqsuu** See *dhommoquu*

**dhommoquu** *iv* (applies to long, flexible, javeline, spear, stick, etc.) wave up and down usu in the air after thrown *uleen dheeraan awu darbatanu ni/in dhommoqa* A long stick waves in the air when thrown. **2** Same as *biddiiquu* and *boonuu*

**dhommoqaa** *adj* (usu of the gait or way of walking that shows pride) proud *namciha dhommoqaa* a proud man **dhommoqsuu** *tv* cause to be proud *maaltu akkana isa dhommoqsa jarana?* What is it that makes him feel so proud, people? **dhommoqxuu** *adj* (usu of females) proud *intala dhommoqxuu* a proud girl

**dhommoqxuu** See *dhommoquu*

**dhonkuu** *tv* eat; see also *nyaachuu*

**dhoobbaa** See *dhoobuu*

**dhooblee** *adj* (usu of knife or horn) very long

**dhoobuu** *iv, tv* **1** smear or spatter sb/sth by throwing/dropping mud-ball, as it were, at/on *dhoqqee natti dhoobe* He threw mud at me and smeared me with it **2** plaster a wall *mana isaatti dhoqqee dhoobeeraa?* Has he plastered his house? **3** (of cattle) excrete; shit *sangaan asitti dhoqqee dhoobeera* An ox has shat/shit here. **dhoobbaa** *n* plastering *manni kun dhoobbaan isaa dhumeeraa?* Is the plastering of this house complete?

**dhooha** Same as *hakkii* or *qakkee*

**dhooolbee** Same as *dholbee*

**dhooba** Same as *dhoobaqaa* under *dhoogu*

**dhoobaqaa** See *dooquu*

**dhoobaqqachuu** See *dhoogu*

**dhoobaqsuu** See *dhoogu*

**dhoobuu** *iv* **1** (usu used of the ground or face) be/become dented, hollow, or sunken *lafti kun lolaa dhaan dhoobe* This

ground is hollowed out by flood. *maddiin isee dhooqeera* Her cheeks have become sunken. **2** be concerned about the well-being of others or be sympathetic *jarri namaa hin dhooqanu* They are not concerned about other people's well-being. See also *ooguu dhooqqaa* *n* valley, depression, rift; hole/hollow *lafa dhooqqaa* a depression in the ground *maddii dhooqqaa* sunken cheeks *dhooqqachuu iv* be dented, hollow, or sunken *lafti kun bokkaa edaatiin dhooqqate* This ground is hollowed by last night's rain. **dhooqsuu** *tv* cause to be hollow or sunken *lafa kana maaltu dhooqse?* What made this ground hollow?

**dhoorguu** Same as *dhowwuu*

**dhootuu** Same as *bultee* (1) under *buluu*

**dhooosisuu** See *dhowwuu*

**dhooosuu** See *dhowwuu*

**dhoota** *n* amniotic fluid; bag of waters; see also *bishaan fuulaa* or *bishaan sammuu*

**dhootuu** See *dhowwuu*

**dhoowaa** See *dhowwuu*

**dhowwuu** *iv* **1** burst or explode, usu because of internal pressure *kuwaasiin isaa dhooweera* His ball has burst. **2** crack, i.e., split slightly *uuroon kun yoom dhoowe?* When did this jar crack? **3** (used of abscess, boil, swelling) break or burst *dhullaan koo kaleessa naa dhoowe* My boil broke yesterday. **dhodhoowaa** (pl) *adj* cracked

*uurowwan dhodhoowaa kana eessaa fidde?* Where did you get these cracked jars? **dhooosisuu** *tv* cause to burst, crack, or break *qorichi kun dhullaa koo naa dhoosise* This medicine made my boil break. *kuwaasii koo mucaatti kennitee na duraa dhoosiste* You gave my ball to the child and made him/her burst it. **dhooosuu** *tv* cause to explode or burst *eenyutu kuwaasii koo dhoose?* Who made my ball burst? **2** crack, i.e., cause to split slightly *lafa kana aduutu dhoose fakkaata* The sun must have cracked this ground. *dullaa dhaan mataa isaa dhoosan* They cracked his skull with a club. **3** (used of abscess, boil, swelling) break or burst *dhullaa koo iseetu naa dhoose* She is the one who made my abscess break for me. **dhootuu** *adj* (diminutive) cracked or split *uuroo dhootuu* a cracked jar **dhoowaa** *adj*, *n* **1** burst or cracked *uuroo dhoowaa* a cracked jar **2** crack; rift *uuroon kun dhowaa baay'ee qaba* This jar has many cracks in it.

**dhoowwaa** Same as *dhowwaa* under *dhowwuu*

**dhoowwusiisuu** Same as *dhowwisiisuu* under *dhowwuu*

**dhooqona'aa** See *dhoqonaawuu*

**dhoqonaawuu** *iv* be/become jelly or sticky *talbaan ni/in dhoqonaayaa* Flax becomes jelly-like or sticky (when ground and mixed with water) **dhooqona'aa** *adj* **1** sticky **2** of a man whose conversation is



boring; garrulous  
**dhogoneessuu** *tv* make or prepare glue usu from the bark of *dhogonuu* below; make a place slippery **dhogonooftuu** *adj* boring, or garrulous woman or person **dhogonuu** *n* kind of tree the sticky bark of which is used as glue or rope  
**dhogoneessuu** See *dhogonaawuu*  
**dhogonooftuu** See *dhogonaawuu*  
**dhogonuu** See *dhogonaawuu*  
**dhogqaa'aa** See *dhogqaawuu*  
**dhogqaawu** *iv* be/become muddy or mucky *karaan keenya dhogqaayeera* Our road has become muddy. **dhogqee** *n* 1 mud; muck 2 dung *dhogqee sa'aa arran ejjedhe* I stepped in the dung! **dhogqeessuu** *tv* cause to be muddy or mucky *ijoolleen karaa dhogqeessan* The children made the road muddy (by playing on it).  
**dhogqee** See *dhogqaawuu*  
**dhogqeessuu** See *dhogqaawuu*  
**dhogsachuu** Same as *dhogfachuu* under *dhokachuu*  
**dhoramaa** See *dhoramuu*  
**dhoramsa** See *dhoramuu*  
**dhoramtuu** See *dhoramuu*  
**dhoramuu** *iv* pine or waste away, i.e., lose health, strength, and weight by degrees *waan jiraattu natti hin fakkaatu; baay'ee dhoramteetti*. I don't think she will live; she has wasted away a lot. **dhoramaa** *adj* of male human or animal) emaciated; lean; scrawny; lean **dhoramsa** *n*

emaciation leanness **dhoramtuu** *adj* (usu of a female animal or human; of a person) emaciated; skinny; lean **dhortuu** *n* 1 collective noun for parasites such as bed bugs, chiggers, fleas, lice, and ticks that suck blood and make a person or an animal thin and bony 2 a person who has bad eyes, i.e., a person believed to make people sick or even causes their death by just looking at them; see also *budaa*  
**dhoruu** *tv* 1 cause to waste away *dhukkubatu akkana isa dhore* He was wasted away so much by illness. 2 stunt the growth of animals, humans, or plants *aramaatu midhaan koo dhore* Weeds stunted my crop.  
**dhoree** Same as *coree*  
**dhorguu** Same as *dhowwuu*  
**dhorkaa** Same as *dhowwaa* under *dhowwuu*  
**dhorkuu** Same as *dhowwuu*  
**dhormuu** *iv* concentrate on sth *misooma arratti dhormaniiru* They are concentrating on development.  
**dhortuu** See *dhoramuu*  
**dhoruu** See *dhoramuu*  
**dhossachuu** Same as *dhokfachuu* under *dhokachuu*  
**dhotamuu** Same as *dhoramuu*  
**dhotii** *n* a kind of large bird  
**dhotuu** *tv* eat a lot; see also *nyaachuu*  
**dhowaa** Same as *dhoowaa* under *dhoowuu*  
**dhowuu** Same as *dhoowuu*

**dhowwaa** See *dhowwuu*  
**dhowwachiisuu** See *dhowwuu*  
**dhowwachuu** See *dhowwuu*  
**dhowwamuu** See *dhowwuu*  
**dhowwii** Same as *dhowwaa* under *dhowwuu*  
**dhowwisiisuu** See *dhowwuu*  
**dhowwuu** *tv* ban, forbid, prevent sb from doing sth, or prohibit *gafarsa ajjeesuu dhowwaniiru* They have banned the killing of buffaloes. *tapha na dhowwite* She forbid me to play. **dhowwaa** *adj* banned, forbidden, or prohibited *gafarsa ajjeessuun dhowwaa dha* buffalo killing is forbidden.  
**dhowwachiisuu** *tv* cause to refuse to give to *dhirsi isee naa kennuuf ka'ee ture; niitii isaatu na dhowwachiise* Her husband was ready to give me sth, but his wife made him refuse to give it to me. **dhowwachuu** *tv* refuse to give sth to *midhaan na dhowwatte* She refused to give me food. *inni birri lama na dhowwannaan armeen koo naa kennite* Though he refused to give me two birr, my mother did **dhowwamuu** *tv* be banned, forbidden, or prohibited *biyya tokko tokkotti lafa bituunii fi gurguruun dhowwameera* In some countries buying or selling land is banned. **dhowwisiisuu** *tv* cause sb to prevent sb else from doing sth *inniwoo angafa keetii maaliif siin lola; afi abbaa keetti himeen si irraa dhowwisiisaa* He is much older than you are; why does he fight with you? Don't

worry, I'll tell your father and make him stop fighting with you.  
**dhoyaa** Same as *dhoowaa* under *dhoowuu*  
**dhoysaa** Same as *dhoksaa* under *dhokachuu*  
**dhoysuu** Same as *dhoksuu* under *dhokachuu*  
**dhubbaa** See *dhubbuu*  
**dhubbisiisuu** See *dhubbuu*  
**dhubbuu** *iv* blister *ijaa inni arkaan ojgatee hin/him beekneef kaleessa soqaa soqnaan arki isaa tokkichaana dhubbe* Since he is not used to manual work, his hands blistered easily when he dug the ground yesterday **dhubbaa** *n* blister **dhubbisiisuu** *tv* 1 cause to blister *maaltu arka kee akkana dhubbisiise?* What made your hand blister like this? 2 cause grazing animals to assemble and rest  
**dhudha'a** See *dhudhawuu*  
**dhudha'amuu** See *dhudhawuu*  
**dhudhaasisuu** See *dhudhawuu*  
**dhudhaasuu** See *dhudhawuu*  
**dhudha'uu** Same as *dhudhawuu*  
**dhudhawuu** *iv* (applies to drink only) gulp down, i.e., drink sth down/off/up *aannan burcuqqoo tokko dhudha'e* He gulped down a glass of milk. **dhudha'a** *n* *dhudha'a tokkoon aannan burcuqqoo tokko fixe* He drank a glass of milk in one gulp.  
**dhudha'amuu** *tv* (passive) be drunk in one gulp  
**dhudhaasisuu** *tv* cause to gulp

(usu babies who are helped to drink from cups) *mucaa aannan dhudhaasifte*. She made the baby drink from a cup, i.e., by holding the cup to its mouth.

**dhudhaasuu** *n* gulp *aragee shiinii tokko dhudhaasuu dhaan fixee shiinii lafa kaaye* He finished a cup of arack in one gulp and put the cup on the ground (table). *mucaa isee aannan isaa dhudhaasuu dhaan ficcisiifte* She made her baby finish its milk (by helping it drink from a cup).

**dhudhuma** *n* 1 cubit, i.e., a unit of linear measure equal to the length of the forearm from the tip of the middle finger to the tip of the elbow *abujadii dhudhuma torba bite* He bought seven cubits of calico. 2 ell, i.e., a unit of linear measure equal to the length of the arm from the shoulder to the tip of the middle finger **dhudhuma dhawuu** *tv* measure with the *dhudhuma*; *yoo na hin ammannee dhudhuma dhayii ilaali* If you don't trust me, measure it yourself and see.

**dhufa** See *dhufuu*

**dhuffaalee** *n* a fat camel

**dhufuu** *iv* (not used in the imperative form) come *bor dhufa/dhufti* He/She will come tomorrow. **dhufa** *n* arrival or coming *dhufa isaan eega* I'm waiting for his arrival/coming.

**dhugaa** See *dhugoomuu*

**dhugaa baasuu** See *dhugoomuu*

**dhugaa bawuu** See *dhugoomuu*

**dhugaa qabaachuu** See

*dhugoomuu*

**dhugaatii** See *dhuguu*

**dhugamuu** See *dhuguu*

**dhugaqabeessa** See *dhugoomuu*

**dhugaqabeettii** See *dhugoomuu*

**dhugduu** See *dhuguu*

**dhugeeffachuu** Same as

*beekkachuu* (1) under *beekuu*

**dhugoo** *n* 1 lemon 2 Same as

*dhugaa* 3 earring for men

**dhugoomsuu** See *dhugoomuu*

**dhugoomuu** *iv* be proved to be true; be verified *akka dhugaatiin alkolii dhibee tiruu fidu saayinsii dhaan dugoomera* Science has proved (tentatively) that drinking alcohol excessively causes liver disease. **dhugaa** *n* 1 truth *dhugaa dubbadhu*; *ani soba hin jaal'u* Tell the truth; I don't like lies. 2 real or the lowest price of sth, not the asking price (in a system where bargaining is a part of the culture) *gatii hoolaa keetii kana dhugaa isaa natti himi* Tell me the lowest price, not the asking price, of your sheep. *dhugumaa?* Is it true? *eeyye dhuguma* Yes, it is true

**dhugaa baasuu** *iv* disclose, divulge, expose, reveal information that has been classified/hidden by telling the truth *namichi sangaa anatu hate jedhee dhugaa baase* The man revealed that he himself stole the ox **dhugaa bawuu** *iv* bear witness; testify *namichi walgayii irratti dhugaa bayee deeme* The

man testified in front of the members of the meeting and left. **dhugaa qabaachuu** *iv* be justified, usu in one's action *dhirsi isee itti toluu didnaan jalaa baate*; **dhugaa qabdi** She is justified in leaving her husband who had never been nice to her.

**dhugaqabeessa** *adj* (of a male) justified in his action because he is honest and truthful *dhugaqabeessi ana malee si miti* I'm the one who is justified, not you **dhugaqabeettii** (of a female) justified in her action because she is honest and truthful **dhugomsuu** *tv* (usu applies to what one says) translate into action *yoo dhiira taate isa oftu kana mee dhugoomsi* If you are a man, translate your bluff into action.

**dhugsiisuu** See *dhuguu*

**dhuguu** *tv* **1** drink *aannan isaa dhanfiisee dhuga* He boils his milk and drinks it. *qoricha dhugdee fayyite* She/You took (drank) a medicine and recovered from her/your illness. **2** drink alcoholic beverages such as liquors and beers in excess; become drunk, tipsy, or inebriated *har'a dhugeera fakkaata; haasaa baayy'isa* It looks that he has drunk today because he talks too much.

**dhugaatii** *n* **1** alcoholic drinks; booze *dhugaatii isinii kennuu?* Shall I give you drinks? **2** drinking *nyaata hin hoo'ifatu; dhugaatii jaal'ata malee* He doesn't care much for food, but he loves

drinking. **dhugamuu** *tv* (passive; applies to drinks) be drunk and finished because it is liked *dhugaatiin dhugameera; nyaatii garuu hin dhumne* The drinks were drunk, but the food was not eaten/consumed and finished. **dhugduu** *n* drinker or boozier *haati manaas abbaan manaas lacheenuu baay'ee dhugduu dha* Both the husband and the wife are heavy drinkers.

**dhugsiisuu** *tv* make sb drink liquors or take, usu medicine *araqee/qoricha na dhugsiise* He made me drink liquor/take medicine. See also *obaasuu*

**dhuk dhuk godhuu** *tv* make liquid sound as when it is drunk or poured from a narrow-necked container *farsoo isaa birillee keessaa dhuk dhuk godhee dhuge* He caused his beer make a gurgling sound when he was drinking it from a narrow-necked flask

**dhuk dhuk jechuu** *iv* make the sound of liquid when drunk or poured from a narrow-necked flask *farsoon awuu brillee keessaa dhugamu dhuk dhuk jedha* When drunk from a narrow-necked flask, beer makes a gurgling sound.

**dhuka** *n* marrow of a bone

**dhukaasa** See *dhukaasuu*

**dhukaasisuu** See *dhukaasuu*

**dhukaasuu** *tv* fire or shoot, i.e., with a gun, rifle, revolver etc. *rasaasa lama itti dhukaasee dhabe*

He fired two bullets at him and missed **dhukaasa** *n* firing of a gun or cracking of a whip *dhukaasa dhagayee manaa bayee* He heard a shot and left the house. **dhukaasisuu** *tv* cause to fire or shoot *rasaasaa laman isa dhukaasise* I let him fire two bullets. **dhuka'uu** *iv* be fired; be cracked as whips do *qawween kun hin dhuka'u* This gun doesn't fire

**dhuka'uu** See *dhukaasuu*

**dhukkee** See *dhukkeessuu*

**dhukkeessuu** *tv* raise a cloud of dust *makiinaan asiin dhukkeessee darbe* A car raised a cloud of dust here and passed. **dhukkee** *n* dust, i.e., powder of dry earth; see also *awwaara*

**dhukkuba** See *dhukkubuu*

**dhukkuba baraa** See *dhukkubuu*

**dhukkuba dhiiraa** See *dhukkubuu*

**dhukkuba laamshechaa** See *dhukkubuu*

**dhukkuba laphee** See *dhukkubuu*

**dhukkuba soofaa** Same as

*dhukkuba sombaa* under *somba*

**dhukkubbii** See *dhukkubuu*

**dhukkubsachiisuu** See *dhukkubuu*

**dhukkubsachuu** See *dhukkubuu*

**dhukkubsataa** See *dhukkubuu*

**dhukkubsattuu** See *dhukkubuu*

**dhukkubsuu** See *dhukkubuu*

**dhukkubuu** *iv* be ill, indisposed, sick (physically), be unwell, or ail *na dhukkuba; kanaafan guyyaa saafaa dhaan rafa* I am ill, and that's why I am sleeping in broad daylight. 2 hurt, i.e., have

a feeling of pain *arki inni cabaan na dhukkuba* My broken arm hurts. **dhukkuba** *n* ailment, disease, illness, indisposition, or physical sickness *golfaan dhukkuba gadhee dha* Typhus is a terrible disease. **dhukkuba baraa** *n* a disease that does not cure or heal easily; cancer; see also *daranyoo* **dhukkuba dhiiraa** *n* gonorrhea **dhukkuba laamshechaa** *n* probably polio (short form for poliomyelitis) **dhukkuba laphee** heart disease; cardiac arrest/arrests; cardiac failure; heart failure **dhukkubbii** *n* pain in a particular part of the body *dhukkubbiin dugdaa gadhee dha* Pain in the back is terrible. **dhukkubsachiisuu** *tv* nurse, i.e., look after a person who is ill *awuu an dhukkubsadhe sana abbaa manaa kootu na dhukkubsachiise* My husband looked after me during my illness. **dhukkubsachuu** *iv* be/become diseased, ill, indisposed, or be invalid *ni/in dhukkubsata; danda'ee manaa hin bawu* He can't leave the house; he is ill. *dhukkubsatanii qoricha barbaaduu manna akka hin dhukkubsanne of eeguu wayya* Prevention of diseases is better than looking for remedy (after the fact). **dhukkubsataa** *adj, n* 1 diseased, invalid, or sickly male animal/human *sangaa dhukkubsataa kana akkamitti fayyifna?* How can we cure this

sickly ox? 2 (male human;  
*dhukkubsattoota* is pl form for  
 both male and female) patient  
*har'a dhukku bsataa tokkotu du'e* A  
 patient (male) died today  
*dhukkusataa baayy'etu mana*  
*wal'aanaa jira* There are many  
 patients in the hospital.

**dhukkubsattuu** *n* diseased,  
 invalid, or sickly animal or  
 person; female patient *haati isaa*  
*dhukkubsattuu dha siree irraa*  
*buutee hin/him beektu* His mother  
 has been sickly and bedridden.

**dhukkubsuu** *tv* hurt, i.e., cause  
 bodily pain *akkasumaanin*  
*sodaadhe malee marfee*

*waraannachuun nama hin*  
*dhukkubsu* I was unnecessarily  
 scared; injection does not hurt.  
*maa boossa si rukkuttee si*  
*dhukkubsitee?* Why are you  
 crying? Did she beat you and  
 hurt you?

**dhulaa** Same as *dhullaa*

**dhulaandhula** *n* leech, i.e.,  
 bloodsucking, aquatic worm that  
 usu clings to the tongues of  
 cattle [hirudinea]

**dhuldhulshuu** See *dhuldhuluu*

**dhuldhuluu** *iv* be stunted *nyaata*  
*dhabee dhuldhule* He is stunted for  
 lack of proper diet.

**dhuldhulshuu** *tv* stunt the  
 physical growth of, the cause is  
 usu lack of proper nutrition  
*nyaata gaarii dhabatu akkana isa*  
*dhuldhulshe* Lack of proper food  
 stunted him.

**dhullaa** *n* boil or furuncle **dhullaa**

**qamalee** *n* a cluster of boils

**dhullattii** *n* name of the 16<sup>th</sup> day  
 of a month; see also *rurruma*

**dhullee** Same as *willee*; see also  
*qabee*<sup>1</sup> (2) and *wullee*

**dhuma** See *dhumuu*

**dhumaa** See *dhumuu*

**dhumdhuma** Same as *dhudhuma*

**dhumdhuma dhawuu** Same as

*dhudhuma dhawuu* under

*dhudhuma*

**dhumii** Same as **dhuma** under  
*dhumuu*

**dhumiisa** Same as *dhuma* under  
*dhumuu*

**dhummuugaa** *n* kind of plant

[*adathoda schimperii*] usu

planted around a house to serve

as a fence *dhumuugaa kophaa*

*dhaabanii buqqisaa isaa daboo*

*kadhatu* (Proverb) One plants

*dhumuugaa* alone; however, one

will be forced to beg a Labor

Association to help in uprooting

it, i.e., one's own creation can

become Frankenstein

(Frankenstein's) monster!

**dhummuuqaa** Same as

*dhumuugaa*

**dhumtuu** See *dhumuu*

**dhumuu** *tv* be finished; be

completed, come to an end, or

end *wayyaan narraa (ana arraaa)*

*dhumeera* My clothes is (are)

worn out. *dubbiin isaa dhumeeraa?*

Is his court case closed? *irsaasiin*

*dhumeeraa bituu hin irraanfatinaa*

The pencils in the stock are

finished/have run out; don't

forget to buy them. *leencii asitti nutti dhufnaan hin dumna* If lions come here, we will be finished. *barana bokkaan roobuu baannaan bara eger dhumuu keenya* If it does not rain this year, it will be our end next year (i.e., there will be food shortage after drought).

**dhuma** *n* end *dhuma dubbiiti* It is the end of the matter/discussion. **dhumaa** *adj* 1 (of clothes) ragged, shabby, threadbare, or worn out *kittaa dhumaa kanan uffadhaa?* Am I to wear this ragged shirt?

**dhumtuu** *adj* (of females or persons) decrepit, dilapidated, useless, worthless, i.e., weak and in bad condition *usu* from poverty, disease, etc. *niitiin dhumtuun kun maal jetti?* What is this worthless woman saying? *namichattii dhumtuu kanatu si moowaa?* How is it possible for this decrepit, useless man to beat you?

**dhundhuma** Same as *dhudhuma*

**dhungachiisuu** See *dhungachuu*

**dhungachuu** *tv* 1 kiss, i.e., as a sign of sexual passion *intalli inni dhungate bareedduu tokko* The girl he kissed is beautiful. 2 kiss, i.e., *usu* kiss on the cheeks to show affection, respect, or as a greeting *dura haadha isaanii dhungatan* First they kissed their mother. *itti aansanii firoota isaanii dhungatan* Then they kissed their relatives. **dhungachiisuu** *tv* cause to kiss sth/sb *qeesiin qeesii*

*isa isaa gadii jilba/miilla dhungachiisa* A high priest lets the low ranking priests kiss his feet (as a sign of respect).

**dhungatamuu** *tv* (passive) be kissed *mucaan koo eega dhungatamee asi utaalloon isa qabe* My child caught a cold after he had been kissed. **dhungoo** *n* kissing, i.e., as a sign of sexual passion *aadaa Oromoo keessatti dhungoon beekamaa dha* Kissing is common in Oromo culture.

**dhungannaa** Same as *dhungoo* under *dhungachuu*

**dhungatamuu** See *dhungachuu*

**dhungoo** See *dhungachuu*

**dhunguu** Same as *dhungoo* under *dhungachuu*

**dhuubaa** See *dhuubuu*

**dhuubbaa** Same as *dhuubaa* under *dhuubuu*

**dhuubsisuu** See *dhuubuu*

**dhuubuu** *tv* soak grain/clothes before grinding/washing *boqqolloo dhuubdee dhaakte* She soaked the corn and ground it. **dhuubaa** *adj* soaked grain *boqqolloo dhuubaa daakti*. She is grinding soaked grain.

**dhuubsisuu** *tv* cause to/make soak grain before grinding it *intala isee isee dhuma xinnoo sana boqqolloo dhuubsiftee/dhuubsistee daaksifte* She made her little girl soak grain and grind it.

**dhuuffajjeessuu** Same as *dhuuffisuu* (2) under *dhuufuu*

**dhuuffisuu** See *dhuufuu*

**dhuufsisuu** Same as *dhuuffisuu*  
under *dhuufuu*  
**dhuuftuu** See *dhuufuu*  
**dhuufuu** *iv* break wind or fart  
*nama fuul duratti dhuufee qaana'e*  
He farted/broke wind in public  
and felt ashamed of himself.  
**dhuuffisuu** *tv* 1 cause to fart  
*dafeen yoo baayy'ate nama*  
*dhuuffisa* Eating too much beans  
makes people fart 2 beat  
sb/animal very hard, i.e., to the  
point of causing farting *yoo inni*  
*na arrabse isan dhuufisa* If he  
insults me, I will beat him up  
real bad. See also *albaasuu* (2)  
under *alba'uu* 3 (used of a  
certain ant) sting *tusseetu natti*  
*dhuufe* A certain kind of ant  
stung me (lit farted on me)  
**dhuuftuu** *adj* 1 of a person who  
farts a lot and frequently 2 liar  
and coward **dhuufuu waraa-**  
**bessaa** *n* grayish, inedible  
mushroom-like fungus  
**dhuufuu jaarsaa** Same as *dhuufuu*  
*waraabessaa* under *dhuufuu*  
**dhuufuu jaartii** Same as *dhuufuu*  
*waraabessaa* under *dhuufuu*  
**dhuuga** *n* 1 yogurt *kottaa dhuuga*  
*dhugaa* Come and drink yogurt.  
See also *itittuu* 2 colostrum, i.e.,  
usu cow milk secreted during  
the first few days of lactation  
**dhuullee** Same *dhullee*  
**dhuumfaa** Same as *dhuunfaa*  
under *dhuunfachuu*  
**dhuumfachuu** Same as  
*dhuunfachuu*  
**dhuundhuma** Same as *dhudhuma*

**dhuundhumaachuu** *tv* measure  
with cubit, see *dhudhuma* for self  
**dhuunfaa** See *dhuunfachuu*  
**dhuunfachuu** *tv* become a sole  
owner of a business, usu an  
animal, that has hitherto been  
owned jointly, by buying out  
one's partner, i.e., by paying  
one's partner give up his/her  
share *sangaa isa diimaa*  
*dhuunfadheera* I have become the  
sole owner of the red ox after  
buying out my partner.  
**dhuunfaa** *adj* 1 (usu of animals)  
one's own unshared property  
*sangaa dhuunfaa lamaa fi qixxee*  
*tokko qabdi* She owns two oxen,  
and she has fifty per cent share  
in the third ox. 2 (neologism)  
monopoly  
**dhuwaa gochuu** (onomatopoeia)  
Same as *dhukaasuu*  
**dhuyyama** Same as *ujummoo* (1)

## e/ee/E/EE

**-e** as a verb suffix, it indicates that  
the verb is a simple past tense  
*kaleessa dhufe* He came yesterday  
*Oromoo baay'eetu biyyaa baye*  
Many Oromos left the country.  
*yoom du'e* ? When did he die?  
**eana** Same as *edana*  
**ebechaa** Same as *eebicha*  
**ebellesoo** *n* scissors  
**ebeloo** *n* 1 rainy (usu very heavy)  
season 2 mist or fog; see also  
*hurrii*



**ebeluu** Same as *abalu*  
**ebicha** Same as *eebicha*  
**ebla** Same as *eebla*  
**eblee** Same as *eebla*  
**ecci** expression of disgust, contempt, etc.  
**eci** Same as *ecci*  
**eda** *adv* last night *eda sirbaa bulan*  
 They were dancing all night last night.  
**edaa** *int* so, i.e., an expression used in exclamatory sentences after one has fully comprehended or realized the underlying cause or motive for an action, a thought, etc. *edaa naa fiddeetta* So you have brought it for me (now I know/realize).  
*edaa du'eera* So he is dead (I didn't know that, now I do). *edaa hojii dhaa baateetta* So you have lost your job, I see.  
**edaanuu** Same as *edaa*  
**edana** *adv* tonight *edana dhufu*  
 They will come tonight.  
**eda'uu** Same as *ida'uu*; see also *dabaluu*  
**edda** *adv* **1** since, i.e., point of time in the past *edda kaleessaati asi humaa nyaatee hin/him beeku* He has not eaten anything since yesterday **2** since, i.e., because *edda lola barbaade naafha bawu* Since he wants a fight, just let him come; I will challenge him.  
**eddana** *adv* here *eddana kaayi* Put it here. See also *addana*  
**eddanaa** Same as *addanaa*  
**eddasii** Same as *eegasii*  
**eddi** Same as *edda*

**eddoo** Same as *iddoo*  
**eddoon** Same as *edaa*  
**eddoonuu** Same as *edaa*  
**edduma** Same as *eddaa*  
**eddummachuu** *iv* be many/much; be a lot of *nyaati kun sitti eddummatee?* Is this food too much for you? See also *baay'achuu eddummeessuu to* cause to be many or much *nyaata kana natti eddummeessite* You made this food too much for me (I can't eat it all). See also *baay'isuu eddummina n* being too many/much; enormousness  
**edduu** *adj* many; much; a lot of *nama edduutu ala jira* There are many people outside. *midhaan edduu nyaachuun gaarii sitti fakkaataa?* Do you think eating too much is good? See also *danuu* under *daneessuu*; *hedduu*; and *baay'ee* under *baay'achuu*  
**eddummeessuu** See *eddachuu*  
**eddumina** See *eddummachuu*  
**edduu** See *eddummachuu*  
**ededa** *n* **1** mountain slope *dhagaan kun ededa arraa gadi konkolaate* This stone rolled down the mountain slope. **2** wall of a building  
**edenuu** Same as *edana*  
**eduu** Same as *yaaduu*  
**ee<sup>1</sup>** (expression) **1** yes, used as an answer when one's name is called **2** yes, i.e., an expression of agreement *nyaatanii* Have they eaten? *ee nyaataaniiru* Yes, they have eaten. See also *eeyye*

**ee<sup>2</sup>** as a verb suffix, it usu indicates simple past in an interrogative sentence that requires "yes-no" answer *farsoo isaa dhugee?* Did he drink his beer? cf., *farsoo isaa dhuge* He drank his beer. *kaleessa dhuftee?* Did you/she come yesterday? cf., *kaleessa dhufte* She/You came yesterday. *arka kee dhiqattee?* Did you wash your hands?

**eebba** See *eebbisuu*

**eebbifachuu** See *eebbisuu*

**eebbifamuu** See *eebbisuu*

**eebbisuu** See *eebbisuu*

**eebbisuu** *tv* 1 bless, i.e., ask God's

favor for *abbaan koo na eebbise*

*du'e* My father blessed me and

died. 2 give bonus or premium,

i.e., product given free with the

purchase *sogidda amma kana*

*eegan si irraa bitee itti naa eebisi*

Since I bought so much salt from

you, you should give me a

bonus, i.e., additional salt free.

**eebba** *n* 1 blessing *eebba abbaa*

*isaa qaba* He has his father's

blessing, i.e., the words of his

father who blessed him. 2 bonus

or premium *sogiddi kun ilaa eebba*

*keeti* Here, this (free) additional

salt is your bonus. **eebba**

**qabachuu** *iv* be blessed *mucaa*

*eebba qabu* a blessed child

**eebbifachuu** *tv* bless for self

*mucaa koon eebbifadha* I will bless

my child (for self). **eebbifamuu**

*tv* 1 (passive) be blessed

*eebbifameera* He has been blessed.

2 graduate *har'a barattoota kuma*

*lamatu eebbifame* Two thousand students graduated today.

**eebbisiisuu** *tv* 1 cause to bless

*utuu inni hin du'in ofi eebbisiisi*

Have him bless you before he

dies. 2 cause to give bonus *buna*

*itti naa eebbisiifte* She made him

give me additional coffee as

bonus (for buying coffee from

him).

**eebicha** *n* a kind of flowering tree

with very bitter leaves and bark

**eebichaawuu** Same as *hadhaawuu*

**eebla** *n* 1 May 2 drizzle; see also

*tiiffee* under *tiifuu*

**eeboo** *n* spear **eeboo ha'anii jela**

**utaa** *luu iv* be foolhardy/

reckless; show off

**eecha** Same as *eessa*

**eechaa** Same as *eessaa*

**eeduu** Same as *yaaduu*

**eefa** *adj* awkward, clumsy *gurbaa*

*eefa nana lafa kaayi* You clumsy

boy, put it down. *ee fi kun eessaa*

*dhufe?* Where did this clumsy

boy com from?

**eeffana** Same as *dibicha*; see also

*mirgoo* (3) and *reeffana*

**eega** *adv, n* 1 since, i.e., point of

time *eega dheengaddaatii na*

*dhukkuba* I have been ill since the

day before yesterday. 2 since,

i.e., because *eega barbaadee ha*

*fudhatu* Since he wants it, let him

take it. *eega teenyee urjii lakkoofna*

(proverb) Since we are sitting

(out side at night) idly, let us

count the stars at least. 3 Same as

*eegee*

**eega-dheeroo** Same as *abbaa*

*gaayyaa*

**eegala** See *eegaluu*

**eegalachuu** See *eegaluu*

**eegalsiisuu** See *eegaluu*

**eegaluu** *tv* begin; start *hojii eegali*

Start working. **eegala** *n*

beginning **eegalachuu** *tv*

begin/start doing sth for self

**eegalsiisuu** *tv* cause to begin or

start *egalsiisi* Make him start. See

also *jalqabuu*

**eegamuu** See *eeguu*

**eegasii** *adv* since then *gabaa arbiitti*

*wal agaree haasofne; eegasii wal hin*

*agarre* We chatted together at

Arbii market; since then we

haven't seen each other.

**eegasuu** *adv* in that case *kittaa isan*

*siif bituu yaale hin jibbite; eegasuu*

*humaa siif hin bitu* You didn't like

the shirt I intended to buy for

you; in that case I won't buy you

anything.

**eegduu** See *eeguu*

**eegee** *n* tail of animals, birds, fish,

or reptiles

**eggachuu** See *eeguu*

**eggataa** *n* 1 floor of a

barn/granary 2 fixed,

immovable bench

**eegii** Same as *eega* (1)

**eegoo** *n* one's younger brother

**eegsisuu** See *eeguu*

**eeguma** Same as *eega* but this one

is more emphatic

**eegumsa** See *eeguu*

**eeguu** *iv, tv* 1 guard or watch

*daljeessa eega* He is guarding the

crop against baboons 2 tend

domestic animals *sa'a eegdi* She is

tending the cattle 3 wait for sb *na*

*eegi* Wait for me. *nyaadhu maal*

*eegda* Eat, what are you waiting

for? **eegamuu** *tv* (passive) be

guarded or watched *namichi akka*

*hin badne eegama* The man is

being guarded so that he won't

escape. **eegduu** *n* guard or

watchman **eeggachuu** *iv, tv* 1 be

careful, cautious, or be on the

alert *eeggadhu hin kuftaa* Watch

your steps, i.e., be careful not to

fall down! 2 guard or watch for

oneself *mana kee eeggadhu;*

*hattuun baayy'atteettii* Guard

your house; there are many

thieves around. **eegsisuu** *tv* 1

cause to guard or tend *mana*

*eegsifte* She made him guard the

house. *sa'a na eegsise* He made

me tend the cattle. 2 keep sb

waiting *eessa turtee? maa amma*

*kana na eegsifte* Where were you?

Why did you make me wait this

long? **eegumsa** *n* guarding,

watching, or tending

**eehama** Same as *eeyyama* under

*eeyyamuu*

**eehamsiisuu** Same as *eeyyamsiisuu*

under *eeyyamuu*

**eehamuu** Same as *eeyyamuu*

**eekke** *adv* modifies an act of

raining which is neither

torrential nor drizzly but normal

*eekke roobe* It rained normally.

*Yaa waaq eekkee nuu roobi* God,

bless us with normal rain.

**eela** *n* 1 clean and clear water

*bishaan eela fakkaatunn waraabee*

*dhuſe* I brought clear water from the spring 2 deep lake or pond; rain water collected in large holes prepared for the purpose  
*maaliif akkana sodaatta? eela buutee baatee?* Why are you afraid as if you had been saved after almost drowning in a deep pond?

*eelaa* See *eeluu*

*eelchuu* *tv* hit sb/sth very hard  
*dullaa dhaan sangaa koo eelche* He hit my ox very hard with a stick.

*eelée* *n* a large, round (usu earthen) pan for baking local bread; griddle

*eeluu* *tv* burden an animal/sb with heavy load; load an animal/sb with a heavy load  
*ba'aa ofitti eeltee dhuſte* She loaded herself with a heavy burden and came. *eelaa* *adj* 1 (of load) very heavy *ba'aan kun eelaa dha* This load is very heavy. *mucaa eelaa kana ani danda'ee hin/him baadhu* I can't carry this heavy child 2 Same as *malaa* under *mala'uu*

*eemara* See *emaru*

*eemaru* Same as *emaru*

*eemmee* Same as *emmoo*

*eemmoo* Same as *emmoo*

*eenga'aa* See *eenga'uu*

*eengaasisuu* See *eenga'uu*

*eengaatuu* See *eenga'uu*

*eenga'uu* *iv* (usu applies to pampered children) cry (i.e., produce tears) for no reason or on trivial things *eenga'aa* *adj* (usu of a male child) crying  
*gurbaa eenga'aa* a crying boy  
*eengaasisuu* cause to cry

*eengaatuu* *adj* (of a female child) crying *intala eengaatuu* a crying girl

*eengee* *n* undergrowth in crops

*eennaa* *n* kind of twig, usu used as a broom

*eennuu* Same as *eenyuu*

*eenyummaa* See *eenyuu*

*eenyuu* *pron* (interrogative) who  
*eenyutu fudhate?* Who took it?  
*eenyuuf kennite* To whom did you give it? *eenyuuf hojjatte?* For whom did you work? *eenyutti keennite?* To whom did you give it? *eenyuutti sirbite?* With which boy/girl did you/she dance?  
*eenyati (eenyuu ati; usu said after hearing a knock on the door)* Who is it? 2 whoever *eenyuu ha ta'uu hin sodaadhu* I don't care whoever he is; I am not afraid.  
*eenyummaa* *n* identity; see also *abalummaa*

*eera* Suffixed to 1<sup>st</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> person, sing., it indicates present perfect tense, e.g., (fuudhuu) ani *fuudheera* innis *fuudheera* I am married, and he is married, too.

*eeruma* See *eerumuu*

*eerumsiisuu* See *eerumuu*

*eerumuu* *iv* marry, i.e., take as a husband *jaarsatti eerumte* She married an old man. *eeruma* *n* (of female human only) be of an age when she ought to marry; be old enough to marry or reach a nubile age *eeruma geesseetti* She is old enough to marry.

*eerumsiisuu* *tv* make the necessary preparations and

marry a girl off, i.e., give in marriage *intala isaa eenyutti eerumsiise*? To whom did he marry his daughter?

**eeruu** *tv* produce visible results after working, researching, etc.  
**eeruu gochuu** *tv* tipp off, i.e., supply with confidential information *isatu pooliisiif eeruu godhee yakkicha hiisise* He was the one who tipped off the police and had the criminal imprisoned.

**eess** Same as *omborii*; see also *esoo*

**eessaa** *adv* (usu interrogative) where *eessa jira*? Where is it/he? *eessatti du'e*? Where did he die? *eessattiyyu hin argamu* It will not be found anywhere. *eessattu na jalaa hin/him baatu* You/She cannot escape me wherever she may be. *eessayu hin jiru* It is not found anywhere. *eessuma jira*? Where is it? *eessuman kaaye*? Where did I put it? *eessumattu na ha geessu* Let him take me anywhere. *eessumayyu nan dhaqa* I will go anywhere.

**eessaa** *adv* (interrogative) from where *eessaa dhufu*? Where are they coming from? *ati nama eessaati*? Where are you from? *eessaanu ha dhufu* Let him come whichever way he wants. *eessaanu hin dhimmisu* It does not leak anywhere. *eessaayyu ha bitu* Let him buy it from anywhere (he wishes). *eessumaanu hin dhimmisu* It does not leak anywhere.

**eessaan** *adv* (interrogative) 1 which way *eessaan dhufu*? Which way will they come? 2 at/on which *eessaan cabu*? On which spot is it broken? *eessaan dhimmisa*? Which way does it leak?

**eessuma** *n* 1 maternal uncle 2. husband of one's aunt 3 term of reference or address used with one's maternal uncle *eessuma, eessa deemta*? Where are you going, uncle?

**eessumee** *n* one's mother's sister; aunt; see also *haboo*

**eessumoo** Same as *essuma*

**eetteffachuu** *tv* assemble together; collect together (for self)

**eewaluu** *tv* escape an accident, death, etc. by a narrow margin *makinaan na ajjeese oole; waaqatu na eewale* A car almost killed me; God saved me. See also *oolchuu* under *ooluu*<sup>3</sup>

**eewuu** Same as *eenyu*

**eeye** Same as *eeyye*

**eeyee** See *eeyyamuu*

**eeyeen** See *eeyyamuu*

**eeyeeshoo** *int* an expression of surprise; oh 'eeyeeshoo maal taate? Oh, I'm surprised. What's the matter with you?

**eeyiruu** Same as *oyiruu*

**eeysa** Same as *eessa*

**eeysuma** Same as *eessuma*

**eeyyama** See *eeyyamuu*

**eeyamsiisuu** See *eeyyamuu*

**eeyyamuu** *tv* say "yes" or say "okay" to a request; allow, permit, or grant a leave; give

permission *asitti dunksaana dhaabuu eenyutu sii eeyyame?* Who gave you permission to pitch a tent here? **eeyyama** *n* permission; leave; **eeyyamsiisuu** *tv* cause to give permission *anaaf tole hin jedhuu ati naa eeyyamsiisi* He won't allow me; you ask him on my behalf to give me permission.

**eeyya'uu** *iv* be happy *baay'ee eeyya'e* He became very happy *baay'ee eeyyaate* She/You became very happy.

**eeyyee** yes, i.e., i.e., expression of agreement, affirmation, or consent *yoo inni "bishaan daakuu beektaa?" siin jedhe, eeyyee jedhiin* If he asks you, "Can you swim?" say "yes".

**eeyyeen** Same as *eeyyee*

**effana** Same as *effana*

**egaa** *adv* so or then *irsaasii kee sii deebiseera; egaa maal barbaadda?* I have returned your pencil to you. Then what do you want? *egaa maal si godhu ilma koo anisoo humaa hin qabuu* Then what shall I do for you my son, I, too, have nothing.

**egan** *adv* so *egan maal goona* So, what shall we do?

**eger** *adv* 1 when it collocates with *bara*, it means next year *bara eger dhufa* He will come next year. 2 afterwards, later, or some other time in the future *amma horii hin qabu; eger yoon argadhe siin liqeessa* I don't have money now,

but I will lend you some later on (when I get it).

**eger** Same as *eger* (2)

**egersuu** *tv* defer, delay, postpone, or put off

**ejeree** *n* a kind of plant similar to *sooyyoma*

**ejersa** *n* olive-like tree used for smoking milk utensils/vessels

**ejja** *n* (applies to both sexes) infidelity or even adultery

**ejjaa** See *ejjuu*

**ejjechiisuu** See *ejjuu*

**ejjechuu** See *ejjuu*

**ejjennaa** See *ejjuu*

**ejjeta** See *ejjuu*

**ejjisiisuu** See *ejjuu*

**ejjituu** See *ejjuu*

**ejjummaa** See *ejjuu*

**ejjuu** *iv* stand idly *maaliif achi ejjita ol hin galtuu?* Why do you stand there, why don't you enter?

**ejjaa** *n* that part of the body that enables one to stand idly; "foot" or "leg" *ejjaan kee ha cabu* May your leg be broken. **ejjechiisuu** *tv* cause to stand or step on sth/sb *farda miilla koo irra ejjechiise* He made a horse step on my foot (by accident).

**ejjechuu** *iv* 1 stand or step on sth *sangaan miilla koo irra na ejjete* The ox stood on my foot. 2 put the foot on/against sth *natti hin ejjetin* Do not put your foot on me. *xaraphessatti ejjetan* They put their feet against/on the table.

**ejjennaa** *n* gait, i.e., manner of walking *ejjennaan adurreetii fi qeeransaa tokkuma* Cats and

leopards have similar style of walking. **ejjeta** *n* stairs, or steps  
**ejjisiisuu** *tv* cause to stand  
**ejjituu** *adj* (of female humans) adulterous, erotic, lecherous, or lewd

**ejjummaa** Same as *ejja* under *ejjuu*

**ekeraa** See *ekeraawuu*

**ekeraawuu** *iv* be skinny or emaciated *mucaan kun utuma nyaatuu ekeraaye* Although he/she eats well, this child has become skinny. **ekeraa** *n* 1 ghost, i.e., spirit of a dead person believed to appear on earth once in a while 2 skinny or emaciated person 3 Same as *reeffa* (1)

**ekeraan iyyuu** *iv* (applies to the ghost of a relative) cry or yell because of a problem (superstition) *ekeraan akkoo kootii eda iyyaa bule* My grandmother's ghost was crying all night last night (it must have all sorts of problems). **eker dubbiftuu** *adj* of a person who is believed to possess the power that enables him/her talk to a ghost and get useful ideas from "it"

**ekerooftuu** *adj* Same as *ekeraa* (2) above

**ekertuu** *adj* of "sth" invisible that makes a person very skinny

**eker dubbiftuu** See *ekeraawuu*

**ekerooftuu** See *ekeraawuu*

**ekertuu** See *ekeraawuu*

**ekkebuu** *tv* put or pile one thing on top of the other

**ekkekkee** expression of anger, surprise, astonishment, etc.

**elaa** Same as *ilaa*

**elba** Same as *ebla*

**elbasufa** *n* August; see *hagayya* which is currently used

**elbasuufaa** Same as *elbasufa*

**elellaa** *n* cowry

**elellee** Same as *elellaa*

**elemaa** Same as *elma* under *elmuu*

**elemfachiisuu** Same as

*elenfachiisuu* under *elenfachuu*

**elemfachuu** Same as *elenfachuu*

**elemsiisuu** Same as *elmisiisuu* under *elmuu*

**elemtuu**<sup>1</sup> Same as *alamtuu*

**elemtuu**<sup>2</sup> See *elmuu*

**elenfachiisuu** See *elenfachuu*

**elenfachuu** *tv* have or own a milk cow (that one can milk) *iseen soorettii dha sa'a kudhan elenfatti* She is rich; she gets milk from ten cows. **elenfachiisuu** *tv* cause to own milch cows from which one gets milk *dhirsi koo sa'a kudhan na elenfachiisa* Thanks to my husband who has made me rich enough to milk ten cows.

See also *elmachiisuu* under *elmuu*

**ellaanuu** Same as *edaa*

**elmaa** See *elmuu*

**elmachiisuu** See *elmuu*

**elmachuu** See *elmuu*

**elmamaa** See *elmuu*

**elamtuu** See *elmuu*

**elmamuu** See *elmuu*

**elmannaa** See *elmuu*

**elmisiisuu** See *elmuu*

**elmuu** *tv* 1 milk, i.e., draw milk from *sa'a elmiteettii*? Has she milked the cow? 2 steal sth piecemeal *boqqolloo koo na duraa*

*elmanii fixan* They stole, piecemeal, and finished my corn.  
**elemtuu** *n* earthen, milk pail, usu with a spout **elmaa** *n* 1 milking time *amma yaroo sa'a elmaati* It is milking time now. 2 stealing; taking everything and cause poverty **elmachiisuu** *tv* enable sb have constant supply of milk by indirectly making a cow available *abbaan manaa koo awuu jiraatu sa'a kudhan na elmachiisa ture* When my husband was alive, he enabled me milk ten cows. **elmachu** *tv* 1 milk for self *aannan elmadhu fudhu* Milk the cow yourself and take the milk 2 have or possess a milk-producing cow that may or may not be dry *sa'a kudhan elmatti* She has ten cows that are not dry / that produce milk at different times. **elmamaa** *n* of milk that has been drawn as opposed to that which is still in the cow's udder *ani aannan elmamaa lafaa hin qabu* I do not have milk on hand since I have not yet milked the cow.  
**elamtuu** *adj* (takes *sa'a*) a cow "in milk", i.e., one that lactates, produces, or secretes milk *sa'i koo hundumtuu guuteetti; sa'a elamtuu hin qabu* I don't have a cow that lactates; all my cows have become dry. **elmamuu** *tv* (passive) 1 be milked *elmamutti jirti* The cow is being milked. 2 be lactating, producing, secreting, or yielding milk, i.e.,

not dry *sa'i kun ni/in elmamtii?* Is this cow producing milk (or is it dry)? 3 be easy to milk, i.e., does not resist by goring, kicking, etc. *sa'i kun ni/in elmamti moo ni/in dhiitti?* Is this cow easy to milk or does she kick? **elmannaa** *n* milking *sa'a elmannaa deemte* She went to milk a cow. **elmisiisuu** *tv* cause to milk *offii achi ejjitee jaartii elmisiifti* She stands there idly and makes an old woman milk a cow!

**emara** Same as *eemara* under *emaruu*

**emaramuu** See *emaruu*

**emarsiisuu** See *emaruu*

**emaruu** *tv* advise or counsel sb to be good or behave properly *ijoollee dhaanuu manaa emaruu wayya* It's better to advise children than beat them up.

**eemara** *n* advice or counsel  
 emara **emaramuu** *tv* (passive) be advised or counseled

**emarsiisuu** *tv* cause to counsel or advise; see also *gorsuu* (1)

**emmoo** *n* (pl *emmoolee*) 1 calf, i.e., young of the domestic cow 2 expression said in succession, used when sb calls a calf

**engerfecuu** *iv* look askance; despise or scorn sb

**ennaa** *conj* (present or future tense in the if-clause, and it indicates likely conditions) if, i.e., the condition that *ennaa inni si arrabse kabali* If he calls you names, slap him.

**ephoo** Same as *nephoo*



**erbachuu** See *erbuu*

**erbamaa** See *erbuu*

**erbamuu** See *erbuu*

**erbee**<sup>1</sup> See *erbuu*<sup>1</sup>

**erbee**<sup>2</sup> *n* hide; pelt, i.e., skin of small animals such as goat, leopard, or sheep *erbee leenca dulloomee ro'oo ittiin raasu* (Proverb) The hide of an old lion is used as a pad for a churning gourd (the fall of the strong and the powerful!)

**erbisiisuu** See *erbuu*

**erbuu**<sup>1</sup> 1 patch, i.e., sew a patch on *kittaa isaa erbee uffata* He patches his shirt and wears it. 2 cure; heal **erbachuu** *tv* patch for self **erbamaa** *adj* (usu of clothes) patched *kittaa erbamaa* a patched shirt **erbamuu** *tv* (passive) be patched *kittaan isaa erbameera* His shirt is patched. **erbee** *n* (usu clothes) patch **erbisiisuu** *tv* cause to patch

**erbuu**<sup>2</sup> *tv* mash boiled beans, peas, potatoes, etc. *dinnicha erbitee dhadhaa itti naqxee naa kennite* She mashed the potatoes, put butter on it, and gave it to me (to eat). 2 stir sth with a spoon, stick, etc. *waxii erbite* She is stirring the stew. **erbachuu** *tv* stir for self **erbamaa** *adj* mashed *dinnicha erbamaa sii kennuu?* Would you like mashed potatoes? **erbisiisuu** *tv* cause to stir

**erga** Same as *eega*

**ergaa** See *erguu*

**ergamaa** See *erguu*

**ergamtuu** See *erguu*

**ergamuu** See *erguu*

**ergannoo** See *erguu*

**ergara** See *ergaruu*

**ergarama** See *ergaramuu*

**ergaramaa** See *ergaramuu*

**ergaramtuu** See *ergaramuu*

**ergaramuu** *iv* degenerate, deteriorate, or weaken physically, usu as a result of illness, malnutrition, and poverty; become debilitated, destitute, or be impaired due to poverty, illness, malnutrition, etc. *nyaata dhabee ergarama* His health has deteriorated due to malnutrition. *niitiin kun rakkoo dhaan akkana ergaramte* This woman's health has deteriorated so much because of abject poverty. **ergarama** *n* general physical deterioration due to lack of food, health, etc **ergaramaa** *adj* (masc; physical) feeble and impaired *namichi kun ergaramaa dha* This man is physically feeble and impaired **ergaramtuu** *adj* (of persons and animals) physically weak and impaired as a result of illness, malnutrition, etc.

**ergaruu** *iv* be in difficulty for lack of money, food, clothes, etc.

**ergara** *n* problem, usu financial difficulty

**ergasii** Same as *eegasii*

**ergifachaa** Same as *ergifannaa* under *ergisuu*

**ergifachuu** See *ergisuu*

**ergifamuu** See *ergisuu*

**ergifannaa** See *ergisuu*

**ergii** Same as *eega*

**ergisa** See *ergisuu*

**ergisaa** See *ergisuu*

**ergisuu** *tv* (does not apply to money) loan/lend sth to sb or lend sb something *namni tokko tokko mi'a ergisaniif deebisee namaa hin galchu* Some people do not return what is lent/

loaned to them. *eeboo koon*

*ergiseef* I loaned/lent him my spear. *mi'a kees namaa hin ergisin;*

*kan namaas hin ergifatin* Neither

lend your things to people nor

borrow theirs. **ergifachuu** *tv*

(does not apply to money)

borrow sth from sb *uuroo koo*

*eega ergifattee ji'i tokko darbeera* A

month has elapsed since

she/you borrowed my jar. *eeboo*

*kana isa arraan ergifadhe* I

borrowed this spear from him.

**ergifamuu** *tv* (of things other

than money; passive) be lent

*waanti cabuu danda'u tasa utuu*

*hin ergifamnee wayya* It's better if

what is fragile is not lent at all.

**ergifannaa** *n* borrowing *sangaa*

*ergifannaa deeme* He went to

borrow a yoke of oxen. **ergisa** *n*

loan, i.e., a thing that is lent and

not returned yet *eeboon koo ergisa*

*jira* My spear is out on loan.

**ergisaa** *adj* (of things other than

money) borrowed, i.e., received

on loan *uffati ergisaa nama arraa*

*fokkisa* Borrowed clothes don't

look nice on the borrower! *uffata*

*ergisaa uffattee boqqoonti* She

wears borrowed clothes and shows off.

**ergitoota** See *erguu*

**erguu** *tv* 1 send sth to sb *birri*

*dhibba naa erge* He sent me a

hundred birr *ofii hin dhufne*

*dhaamsa natti ergan malee* They

didn't come in person; they only

sent me a message. 2 send sb on

an errand/somewhere *gabaatti*

*na ergite* She sent me to the

market. **ergaa** *n* 1 errand *ergaa*

*deeme* He went on an errand. 2

message *ergaa natti erge* He sent

me a message. **ergamaa** *adj* of a

male who is willing to go on an

errand readily *mucaa ergamaa*

*hundatu jaal'ata* Everybody likes

a child who is willing to go on

an errand. **ergamtuu** *adj* of a

person who is willing to go on

an errand readily **ergamuu** *iv*

(passive) be sent on an errand

*intalli kun tole jettee hin ergamtu*

This girl does not like to be sent

around willingly **ergannoo** *n* a

messenger **ergitoota** *n* exporters

*ergitoota bunaa* coffee exporters

**erra** Same as *arra*

**erraa** Same as *arraa*

**erraa** *prep* 1 on the upper side

*surreen koo jilbaa erraan baqaqe*

The knees of my pants are torn.

2 take by surprise *narraan (na*

*erraan) bayee na naasise* He took

me by surprise and scared me.

See also *arraan* under *arraa*

**erreguu** Same as *herreguu*

**errii** *adv* upper side *errii bofa kanaa*

*gur'acha jalli isaa adii dha* The

upper side of this snake is black,  
and its under side is white

**esoo** *n* oat

**essuma** Same as *eessuma*

**essumoo** Same as *eessuma*

**ettebuu** Same as *ekkebuu*

**eyba** Same as *eebba* under *eebbisuu*

**eyibora** *n* bracelet women wear  
on their arms

**eeyamsiisuu** Same as *eeyyamu*

## f/F

**-f prep** (suffix) **1** for/to, i.e., indicates eventual possession or use by the recipient *haadha isaatiif bite* He bought it for his mother. *jaraaf kenne* He gave it to them. *Sire kana isee dhaaf afne* We made this bed for her. *bunni kun isaaf* This coffee is for him. **2** for/to, i.e., indicates suitability, purpose, or reason *biyya isaatiif jedhee du'e* He died for his country. *inni eenyuuf hojjata?* For whom does he work? *kanaaf du'e* That's why he died. *lafti kun boqqolloof hin ta'u* This soil is not suitable for growing corn. *nyaati gaariin jireenyaaf gaarii dha* Good food is good for life. cf., **fii 3** get ready to do sth; about to do sth; for the purpose of *deemuuf lafaa ka'e* He got up to go. *farsoo dhuguuf ol seene* He entered to drink beer. *na rukutuuf na barbaada* He is looking for me to hit me. *hedduu huqqateera; du'uuf*

He has lost too much weight; he is going to die. *hoolaa kana horsiisuuf bite* He bought this sheep for the purpose of breeding it. **4** (usu takes the different forms of *jechuu*) for the sake of *indaaqqoon cuucii iseetiif jettee bariftee cululee lolti* A hen flies to fight a hawk for the sake of her chicks. *anaaf jettee hin rakkatin* Don't bother yourself for my sake. **5** due to; because of *rakkinaaf biyyaa baye* He left his country because of all sorts of problems. *mucaan ni/in beela'e; kanaaf boowa* The child is hungry; that's why he/she is crying. *roobaafan dhufuu dhaxxabe* I couldn't come because of the rain. **6** Suffixed to verbs with the infinitive marker *-uu*, **-f** means about to; going to Examples: (*deemu*) *inni deemuuf* He is about to go. *jarri nyaachuuf* They are going to eat.

**faa pron** (usu used as an object) for example, like, or such, i.e., one of such kind; such as, i.e., of the stated or implied kind *sogidda faa, buna faa, dafee faa gurgura* He sells things like salt, coffee, and beans. *maal faa barbaadu* What things (i.e., things such as what) do they need? See also *fa'i*

**faacha n 1** mounted trophy, usu buffalo tail, displayed [by a road side] as a token of a hunter's courage, intrepidity, and valor **2** gadfly **3** elephant or animal tail

**faachoo** *n* animal tail with hair  
[such as horse's tail] used for  
swatting flies; see also *ciraa* (2) 2  
corn tassel; see also *daraaraa*  
*boqqolloo* under *daraaruu*

**faafa** Same as *nafa* (2) uder  
*nafaawuu*

**faafamuu** Same as *nafaawuu*

**faafuu** Same as *gooluu*

**faagaa** *n* furrow or gutter around  
a farm prepared for the passage  
of water; man-made conduit or  
channel

**faaggaa** *n* 1 shawm or trumpet-  
like reed musical instrument  
used when girls and young men  
dance together in a moon lit  
environment

**faaggisuu** *iv* speak very loudly

**faagullo** *n* waste material that  
remains behind after bee wax  
has been melted and strained

**faajjee** Same as *faajjii*

**faajjii** *n* flag; see also *alaabaa*

**faala**<sup>1</sup> See *faaluu*

**faala**<sup>2</sup> *n* crystal gazer, clairvoyant,  
seer, or soothsayer, i.e., a person  
believed to have powers of  
divination

**faalachuu** See *faaluu*

**faalamuu** See *faaluu*

**faaliquu** *iv* relax and be carefree  
in an irresponsible way

**faalkaa** *n* method of doing sth

**faallaa** See *faallessuu*

**faallee** Same as *raatuu* (2) under  
*raata'uu*

**faallessuu** *tv* (usu takes *wal*)  
contradict each other *yaadi ati*  
*kennite lamaan wal faallessu* The

two ideas you presented  
contradict each other **faalla** *adj*  
contradictory; opposite

**faaluu** *tv* calumniate, denigrate,  
malign, slander, smear, or  
traduce *dubbii na faale* He  
maligned me, i.e., made a false  
statement about me so as to  
damage my character 2 rub usu  
sth bitter or nasty on the nipples  
of a lactating mother or on the  
teats of cows when weaning the  
young from sucking the udders  
/breasts **faala** *n* 1 slander 2 any  
bitter or nasty thing that is  
rubbed on the breasts or udder  
of cows when weaning the  
young **faalachuu** *tv* rub nasty  
things on breasts or teats for self

**faalamuu** *tv* (passive) 1 be  
slandered *iddoo ani hin jirreetti*  
*maqaan koo faalame* I was  
slandered in absentia.

**faan** *pron* (pl; used as a subject)  
like or such as *Gammachuun faan*  
*achi turan* People like  
*Gammachuu* were there. *har'a*  
*sogiddi faan, bunnii faan, atariin*  
*faan gabaa hin/him baane* Today,  
items such as salt, coffee, and  
peas were not on the market. See  
also *faa* and *fa'i*

**faana** *adv, n* 1 sole, i.e., under  
surface of a foot *qoraattitu faana*  
*na waraane* A thorn pricked me  
on the sole. 2 spoor or footprint  
*faana qeeransaa* spoor or footprint  
of a leopard 3 trace *faana isaa*  
*dhabeen debi'e* Having failed to  
find its trace, I returned. 4

simultaneously, immediately after, or along with *jara faana manaa baate* She left the house along with them. **faana balleessuu** *tv* destroy the trace of or evidence so that what has been lost cannot be regained or traced *sangaa isaa faana duraa balleessan* They destroyed the track of his ox so that it could not be traced. **faana bawuu** *tv* be on sb's track/be on the track of sb, i.e., follow or pursue *hattuu faana buunee qabannee fidne* We pursued the thief, caught him, and brought him back. **faana dhawuu** *tv* track, i.e., follow the track of; stalk a game *sangaa faana dhayee argate* He tracked the lost ox and found it.

**faanaa** *n* stirrup

**faana balleessuu** See *faana*

**faana bu'uu** See *faana*

**faan-addoo** *n* a person believed to bring bad luck to people

**faana dhawuu** See *faana*

**faanda'uu** *tv* (applies to horses, mules, or donkeys) defecate *fardatu assitti faanda'e* A horse defecated here. **faandoo** *n* 1 dung of horses, mules, or donkeys *faandoo fardaa* horse shit 2 [fig; of a person] horse shit; worthless *niitii faandoo* a worthless wife

**faandoo** See *faanda'uu*

**faanga'uu** *tv* [archaic] cripple or lame a slave by cutting off one of the muscles in the ankle so that he/she can't run away easily

*garba kudhan faanga'e* He made ten slaves lame.

**faannoo** See *fannisuu*

**faanosii** *n* lantern

**faanta** *n* heel; see also *koomee*<sup>2</sup> (1)

**faantaara** *adj* braggart; boastful

**faanusa** Same as *faanosii*

**faaqamuu** See *faaquu*

**faaqii** See *faaquu*

**faaqqachuu** See *faaquu*

**faaqqee** See *faaqqisuu*

**faaqqifachuu** See *faaqqisuu*

**faaqqisuu** *tv* comb *mataa isaa*

*faaqqisiif* Comb his hair for him.

*eenyutu mataa kee sii faaqqise?*

Who combed your hair for you?

**faaqqee** *adj*, *n* 1 comb *faaqqee*

*lama qabdi* She has two combs. 2

gap-toothed *ilkaan isee faaqqee dha*

She is gap-toothed.

**faaqqifachuu** *tv* comb hair for

self *mataa isaa danda'ee hin*

*faaqqifatuu* He can't comb his own

hair by himself. *mataa isee*

*faaqqifattee manaa baate* She

combed her hair and left.

**faaquu** *tv* scrape sth away/off

*gogaa faaqe* He scraped the hair

off the pelt. **faaqamuu** *tv*

(passive) be scraped *gogaan*

*faaqamee?* Is the pelt scraped?

**faaqii** *n* a skin-dresser, leather-

worker, or tanner by trade

**faaqqachuu** *tv* scrape sth for self

**faaqsisuu** *tv* cause to/make

scrape

**faara**<sup>1</sup> *n* 1 eaves *amma bokkaan*

*caamutti faara manaa jala ijaajjani*

They were standing under the

eaves of the house until the rain

stopped. 2 large, hanging bough or branch of a tree *faara mukaa jalatti bokkaa dheessine* We sheltered ourselves from the rain under the bough of a tree. 3 fringe, i.e., ornamental border of loose threads *faara wayyaa* fringe of clothes

**faara**<sup>2</sup> *n* 1 promising or prospects *gonnaan jirbii kootii barana faara hin qabu* The prospects of my cotton harvest are poor this year. *abbaa isaa biraa faara dhabee natti deebi'e* As the prospects of staying with his father were poor, he came back to live with me. 2 health; circumstance/condition *faarri kee attam?* How is your health condition? **faara dhabuu** *iv* lack health and peace **faara dhowwachuu** Same as *fuula dhowwachuu* under *fuula faara qabaachuu* *iv* have health and peace

**faarfachuu** Same as *faarsachuu* under *faarsuu*

**faarfamuu** Same as *faarsamuu* under *faarsuu*

**faarfannaa** See *faarsuu*

**faaroo** See *faarsuu*

**faarsa** See *faarsuu*

**faarsaa** Same as *faarfannaa* under *faarsuu*

**faarsachuu** See *faarsuu*

**faarsamuu** See *faarsuu*

**faarsistuu** See *faarsuu*

**faarsuu** *tv* sing sb's praises, i.e., praise sb, usu in songs *asmaariin isa faarsinaan birri kudhan kenneef* He gave the minstrel ten birr for

singing his praises. **faarfannaa** *n* psalms *macaafa faarfannaa* the Book of Psalms **faarsa** *n* a song that praises *sirbi kun faarsas miti arrabsoos miti waan ta'een wal'aale* I don't understand this song; it neither praises nor insults.

**faarsachuu** *tv* praise sb for self **faarsamuu** *tv* (passive) be praised **faarsituu** *n* a person who is very good at singing or at praising through songs **faaroo** *n* singing or song

**faaruu** Same as *faarfannaa* under *faarsuu*

**faasigaa** *n* Easter

**faasii** *n* ax/axe or hatchet

**faaxawuu** *iv* be slightly bald over the temples; have a receding forehead *mataan kee faaxawuu jalqabeera* Your head has begun to be slightly bald. **faaxuu** *n* bald over the temples, slight baldness, or a receding forehead *inni faaxuu dha malee moluu miti* He is not completely bald; he is only slightly bald.

**faaxuu** See *faaxawuu*

**faaya** See *faayyessuu*

**faayidaa** See *fayyaduu*

**faayyessuu** *tv* embellish, e.g., carpets **faaya** *n* decorations such as hair band, earrings, home decorations, etc.; ornament; beauty

**facaafachuu** See *faca'uu*

**facaafamuu** See *faca'uu*

**facaasaa** See *faca'uu*

**facaasisuu** See *faca'uu*

**facaasuu** See *faca'uu*

**faca'uu** *iv* 1 be scattered, usu be not situated together *ijoolleen isaa gara gara facaate* His children are scattered, i.e., they are not situated in the same place. 2 (usu used of liquid or powder) be spilled on *bunatu wayyaa kootti faca'e* Coffee spilled on my clothes. *daakuutu asitti faca'e* Flour spilled here (on the floor). 3 (usu used of disease) get into or permeate or penetrate into one's system and pervade /invade it *dhukkubi kun dhanna keessa na faca'e* The disease has pervaded my system.

**facaafachuu** *iv, tv* 1 broadcast, scatter, or sow seed for self *sanyii atarii nu biraa fudhuu facaafadhu* Get pea seeds from us and sow them for self. 2 (applies to women only) perform fertility ritual by splashing the chest and the neck with warm butter *haati koo kaleessa facaafatte* My mother celebrated/observed the fertility ceremony yesterday.

**facaafamuu** *tv* (passive) 1 (of seeds) be sowed *sanyiin boqqolloo har'a facaafama* Corn seeds will be sown today. 2 (of people) be scattered *iddoo adda addaatti facaafaman* They were scattered in different places. **facaasaa** *n* 1 seed sowing/cultivation period; art of sowing *shumburaa facaasaan darbeera* Chickpea growing period is over due. *ani facaasaa boqqolloo itti hin beeku* I do not know how to broadcast

corn seeds. 2 **facaasisuu** *tv* cause to sow seeds **facaasuu** *tv* broadcast, scatter, or sow seed *shumburaa facaase* He sowed chickpeas. 2 grow, i.e., cultivate or raise crops *iddoo kanatti shumburaan facaasa* I will grow chickpeas on this plot of land. 3 dash, spill, or splash liquid or powder on sth/sb *bishaan natti faccaafte* She splashed water on me. *makiinaan dhoqqee natti facaase* A car dashed mud all over me. **faffaca'uu** *iv* (duplicative; usu used of persons) be scattered, i.e., live in different places and not together in one neighborhood/vicinity *ijoolleen isaa faffaca'anii jiraatu* His children are scattered and live in different places.

**faccee** See *faccisuu*

**faccifachuu** See *faccisuu*

**faccifamuu** See *faccisuu*

**faccisa** See *faccisuu*

**faccisiisuu** See *faccisuu*

**faccisuu** *tv* 1 fight sb/sth off or drive away, usu by hitting him/her/it with a club, a spear, etc. *dullaa dhaan saree ofi irraa faccise* He fought off a dog by hitting it with a club. 2 move or flap the hand about usu when chasing away insects *kanniisatti arka kee hin faccisin* Do not flap your hand at the bees **faccee** *n* fencing usu done with a spear or club *faccee na barsiisi* Teach me fencing. *faccee eebootiin isa ajjeese* He killed him by hitting him

with the metal edge of a spear while fencing. **faccifachuu** *tv* guard oneself against; protect oneself while at the same time hitting back **faccifamuu** *tv* (passive) be kept or held at bay *sareen isaa haamaa dha hin faccifamu* His dog is vicious; it cannot be kept at bay. **faccisa** *n* act of hitting with a club or with the metal edge of a spear *faccisa eeboo namni isa caalu hin jiru* No one excels him in hitting with a metal edge of a spear.

**faccisiisuu** *tv* cause to hit with a metal edge of a spear or a club

**fachala** *adj* (of a person) **1** lowly and mean, i.e., inferior to sb in age, size, or strength and yet vicious *fachalli kun maaliif wal'aansoo naan qabuu barbaada?* Why does this wretched little man/boy want to wrestle with me? **2** slow in doing sth *intalli kun fachala; daddaftee hin hojjattu* This girl is slow; she does not do things fast.

**fadduu** *tv* make sth wide/broad *karaa bishaan yaa'u yoo faddifte malee jal'isiin kee bishaan hedduu hin argatu* Unless you make the water course wide or broad, your irrigation field won't get enough water. See also *bal'isuu* under *bal'achuu*

**fadhiidhoo** Same as *qancara*

**faduu**<sup>1</sup> *tv* help; cure *qorichi kun na fade* This medicine helped/cured me.

**faduu**<sup>2</sup> Same as *fadduu*

**faduula** *n* truth, i.e., undistorted and untwisted *fact faduula dubbata* He speaks the truth.

**fafa** See *fafaawuu*

**fafaawuu** *iv* be/become

deformed, maimed, disabled, or be physically handicapped *duula dhaqee fafaaye deebi'e* He went to the war front, maimed/crippled, and returned. **fafa** *adj* **1** crippled, deformed, disabled, handicapped, or maimed

*namicha fafa kanatti hin eerumu* I will not marry this crippled

man. **2** (fig) useless or good for nothing person *fafi kun maal siin*

*jedhe* What did this worthless man say to you? **fafachuu** *tv*

(usu applies to clothes that become short/narrow after being washed) be/become short

or narrow *kittaan kun eega miiccame asi ni/in fafate* This shirt

became short/narrow after it had been washed. **fafeessisuu** *tv*

cause to be crippled *duulatti*

*erganii isa fafeesisan* They had

him crippled by sending him to

the war front. **fafeessuu** *tv*

cripple *boombiitu na fafeesse* A bomb made me crippled.

**fafachuu** See *fafaawuu*

**fafardii** *n* foundation; basis for; see also *hundee* (**2**)

**fafee** Same as *fafa* under *fafaawuu*

**fafeessisuu** See *fafaawuu*

**fafeessuu** See *fafaawuu*

**faffaca'uu** See *faca'uu*

**faffatoo** See *faffatuu*



**faffatuu** *tv* soak/sop local bread in stew or sauce and mix it until it is reduced to small pieces. *saree dhaaf buddeena aannaniin faffatii kenniif ni/in nyaataa* Soak the bread in milk, mix it well and give it to the dog; he will eat it. **faffatoo** *n* sop, i.e., bread soaked in stew or the like and reduced to small pieces

**faga** See *faguu*

**fagaacha** See *fagaachuu*

**fagaachisuu** See *fagaachuu*

**fagaachuu** *iv* be far *narraa (na arraa) fagaattee teesse* She sat far away from me. *fagaataniiru; hin qaqqabnu* They have gone very far; we can't catch up with them. **2** be a long time ago *eega du'ee fagaateera* It's been a long time since he died. **3** stop to be close friends *wal arraa fagaanneerra* We have stopped to be close friends. **fagaacha** *n* farness **fagaachisuu** *tv* cause to/make go far away **fageeffamuu** *iv* (passive) be made to go very far away *sangaan hatame sun yowwana fageeffameera* The stolen ox must have been made to go very far away by now. **fageenya** *n* distance, being far off *fageenyii Jimmaa fi Mattuu gidduu ammam?* What is the distance between Jimmaa and Mattuu? *tabba malee fageenya hin qabu* The problem is not distance; there are too many ups and downs. **fageessisuu** *tv* cause to take sb/sth to a far off place **fageessuu** *tv* **1** cause to be

far away/off *sa'a hin fageessin asumatti dheechisi* Don't take the cattle too far away; let them graze here. *waan kana fageessi gati* Throw this thing far away **2** delay *qonnaan ataraa amma miti; xinnoo achi fageessi* It is not time yet for growing peas; delay it for a while. **3** (of a hole) cause to be deep *bollaa kana gadi fageessi qoti* Dig the hole deep. **fagoo** *adj* **1** far; remote *sagaleen kee fagootti dhaga'ama* Your voice can be heard from far away. *biyya fagoo dhaa dhuftu* She came from far place (country). **2** long time ago *eega fuudhee yaroon isaa fagoo dha* It has been a long time since he married.

**fagaara** *n* bum, bottom, buttocks, or seat *billaa dhaan fagaara isaa waraane* He stabbed him on his bottom with a knife **2** (vulgar) ass *fagaara haadha keetii* You, mother fucker See also *udduu*

**fagduu** See *faguu*

**fageeffamuu** See *fagaachuu*

**fageenya** See *fagaachuu*

**fageessisuu** See *fagaachuu*

**fageessuu** See *fagaachuu*

**fagoo** See *fagaachuu*

**fagsiisuu** See *faguu*

**faguu** *iv* **1** (usu applies to the entire body above the waist) move from side to side or up and down when in a trance or religious ecstasy **2** tell fortune *qaalluun kan ofii hin beeku kan namaa faga* (saying) A religious leader doesn't know his own,

but tells other people's fortunes. 3 be very angry, usu after sth is lost *ani horii gatnaan natti fage* He became mad at me because I lost one of the animals I had been tending. **faga** *n* movement of the entire body above the waist **fagduu** *n* usu a woman who can experience religious ecstasy and is believed to operate under divine inspiration; see also *qaalittii fagsiisuu* *tv* (of divine power) cause to feel religious ecstasy

**fa'i** *pron* (not applicable to a sentence which has elements of a series of words or phrases; usu used as an object) like, i.e., such as the stated or implied kind *sogiddaa fa'i gurgura* He sells commodities like salt. *si fa'i barbaadu* They are looking for a person like you, i.e., you were one of the people they were looking for. cf., *faa*

**fajaajaa** *adj* (of hair) disheveled *mataa fajaajaa kee kana faaqqifadhu* Comb your disheveled hair.

**fajaja** See *fajajuu*

**fajajaa** See *fajajuu*

**fajajjuu** See *fajajuu*

**fajajuu** *iv* 1 gaze/goggle at; stare, usu with eyes wide open and without winking *intala miidhagduu tokko argee iji isaa fajaje* He saw a beautiful girl and stared vacantly. 2 become befuddled, slow-witted, or become stupefied *si yaadeen fajaje* The thought of you made me

like crazy. **fajaja** *n* glazed stupefaction **fajajaa** *adj* (usu of male) stupefied; befuddled or slow-witted **fajajjuu** *adj* (usu of female) stupefied; befuddled or slow-witted

**fakkaachuu** *tv* 1 look like or resemble *boonaan na fakkaata* Boonaa looks like me. 2 be inconstant, opportunist, self-seeker, or time-server *abbuma arge fakkaatee jiraata* He is an opportunist. 3 think, i.e., be of the opinion *har'a in/ni rooba sitti fakkaataa?* Do you think it would rain today? *natti hin fakkaatu* I don't think so. **fakkaattuu** (of persons) *adj*, *n* inconstant, opportunist, or time-server **fakkeenya** *n* 1 look-alike; resemblance; replica *intalli tokko tokko fakkeenya haadhaati* Some girls are replicas of their mothers. 2 (usu "f" is suffixed to it) for example; for illustration; for instance *hojiin tokko tokko, fakkeenyaaf barsiisuun, nama butucha* Some kinds of jobs, teaching for example, are exhausting. **fakkeessuu** *tv* 1 make to look like or resemble *waan ani sobe fakkeesse* He made it appear as if I lied. **fakkii** *n* photograph; picture **fakkoo** *n* replica *fakkoo abbaa isaati* He is a replica of his father.

**fakkaattuu** See *fakkaachuu*

**fakkanaa** See *fakkanuu*

**fakkanuu** *iv* be adequate/

sufficient **fakkanaa** *adj*  
adequate, ample, enough, or  
sufficient *barana midhaan fakkanaa qabu* They have adequate grain this year.

**fakkeenya** See *fakkaachuu*

**fakkeessuu** See *fakkaachuu*

**fakkii** See *fakkaachuu*

**fakkoo** See *fakkaachuu*

**fal'aana** *n* spoon, usu made of  
horn, shells of water creatures,  
or wood

**fala** See *faluu*

**falaasama** *n* ( neologism)  
principles, philosophy, or tenet  
*falaasama soshaalizmi* principles of  
socialism

**falacciisuu** See *falaxuu*

**falachuu** See *faluu*

**falaffalachuu** Same as *falfalachuu*  
under *falfaluu*

**falaffalamuu** Same as *falfalamuu*  
under *falfaluu*

**falaffaluu** Same as *falfaluu*

**fala fiduu** See *faluu*

**falama** Same as *falma* under  
*falmuu*

**falamii** Same as *falmii* under  
*falmuu*

**falamuu** See *faluu*

**fala nama agarsiisuu** See *faluu*

**falanqaaquu** *iv* be arrogant and  
corrupt because of power *ni/in*  
*falanqaaqe* He has become  
arrogant.

**falaq gochuu** *tv* open completely  
*balbala falaq gootee qilleensaan nu*  
*fixxaa!* You left the door wide  
open and let the wind kill us all!

**falaxaa** See *falaxuu*

**falaxachuu** See *falaxuu*

**falaxamuu** See *falaxuu*

**falaxuu** *tv* 1 split, usu firewood,  
logs, or stone *jirma falaxa* He is  
splitting a log. 2 (fig) hit on the  
head, usu with sharp edge of an  
axe/ax, spear, sword, etc. *eeboo*  
*dhaan mataa isaa falaxe* He hit him  
on the head with a spear. 3 (fig)  
have a splitting headache *yoona*  
*buna dhuguu baadhe mataa na*  
*falaxa* If I don't drink coffee I'll  
have a splitting headache.

**falacciisuu** *tv* cause to split  
firewood, log, or stone *awuun ani*  
*xinnoo tureyyuu haati ormaa koo*  
*qoraan na falacciifti/falacciisti ture*  
Even when I was a very small  
kid, my step-mother used to  
make me split firewood. **falaxaa**  
*n* wood that has been split to be  
used as firewood or as building  
material **falaxachuu** *tv* split  
wood or stone for self *muka kana*  
*falaxadhu* Split this wood and  
take it. **falaxamuu** *tv* (passive)  
split *muki tokko tokko tokkichaana*  
*falaxama* Some kind of wood  
splits at once.

**faldhaana** Same as *fal'aana*

**falfala**<sup>1</sup> See *falfaluu*<sup>2</sup>

**falfala**<sup>2</sup> Same as *falfallii* under  
*falfaluu*<sup>1</sup>

**falfalaa** See *falfaluu*<sup>2</sup>

**falfalachuu** See *falfaluu*<sup>1</sup>

**falfalamuu** See *falfaluu*<sup>1</sup>

**falfalchiisuu** See *falfaluu*<sup>1</sup>

**falfallii** See *falfaluu*<sup>1</sup>

**falfalsiisuu** Same as *falfalchiisuu*  
under *falfaluu*<sup>1</sup>

**falfaluu**<sup>1</sup> *tv* shell/shuck, i.e., separate the kernels of maize from the cob or separate peas, beans, etc from the pod *boqqolloo falfaluutti jirti* She is shelling the corn. **falfalachuu** *tv* shell/shuck for self *boqqolloo falfalattee fudhatte* She shelled the corn for self and took it. **falfalamuu** *tv* be podded, shelled or shucked *boqqolloon kun hin falfalamu* This corn does not shuck  
**falfalchiisuu** *tv* cause to shell or shuck *ijoollee boqqolloo falfalchiifte /falfalchiiste* She made the children shuck the corn. **falfallii** *adj* (of corn) shucked *boqqolloo isa mukii malee falfalliin hin jiru*. There is corn on the cob, but there is no shucked corn.

**falfaluu**<sup>2</sup> Same as *mooruu* (1)

**falfalaa** Same as *moortuu* under *mooruu*; see also *tolchaa* and *tolchituu* under *tolchuu*

**falka** *n* method of doing sth **falka beekuu** *iv* know method of doning sth **falka wal'aaluu** *iv* be ignorant about a method of doing sth

**falma** See *falmuu*

**falmachiisuu** See *falmuu*

**falmachuu** See *falmuu*

**falmuu** *iv* argue, bring a charge against sb, contest, dispute, or litigate, i.e., the truth of a statement, a claim, a decision, etc., *soba jettee natti falmite* She disputed the validity of my statement. *kan kee miti jedhee natti falme* He disputed the validity of

my claim to a property. **falma** *n* argument or dispute; court case *falma jaal'ata* He likes to litigate.

**falmachiisuu** *tv* cause to argue

**falmachuu** *tv* argue, contest, dispute, or litigate for self *mana isaa falmatee deebifate* He litigated about his house, won the case, and got it [his house] back.

**falmii** Same as *falma* under *falmuu*

**falquu** *iv* be insensitive; show insensitivity usu by speaking arrogantly

**falteessuu** *tv* 1 cause to be murky with cattle dung mixed with urine 2 cause to be sore **faltii** *n* filthy muck or manure; see also *caancoo*

**faltii** See *falteessuu*

**faltiitii** Same as *faltii* under *falteessuu*

**faluu** *tv* 1 devise or plan, i.e., think out sth in order to solve a problem *manni koo jiguufii naa falaa* Devise something; my house is about to collapse. 2 look after or nurse a sick person *dhukkubsataan yoo isa falan fayyuu ni/in danda'a* If looked after properly, an ill person could recover. **fala** *n* 1 cure; solution to a problem *falli isaa maal?* What is the solution to this problem? 2 proper care *fala dhabee du'e* He died from lack of a proper care **falachuu** *tv* 1 devise or plan for self *akka manni kee hin jignee faladhu* Devise something to save your house from collapsing. 2 find a solution or a cure for self

*manni kee jiguufii faladhu* Find a solution; your house is going to collapse. **3** look after/nurse an ill person for self *mucaa koo faladheen fayyifadhe* I looked after my child properly and helped him recover. **fala fiduu** *tv* create/bring difficulty or problem *mucaan kun fala fideera* This child has created a problem. **falamuu** *tv* be looked after/nursed *gatii falamteef fayyite* She recovered because she was cared for properly. **fala nama agarsiisuu** Same as *fala fiduu* above

**fandalala** See *fandalaluu*

**fandalaltuu** See *fandalaluu*

**fandalaluu** *iv* wander aimlessly, i.e., go from place to place; do nothing and relax by going about *hojii dhiisee fandalalaa oolee manatti galee nyaata fidaa jedhe* Instead of working, he spent all day going from place to place, then returned home and ordered (free) dinner.

**fandalalaa** *adj* (of male) tramp, vagabond, wanderer, usu of a man who lives with his parents and who comes home late at night **fandalaltuu** (of a person) tramp, vagabond, wanderer

**fandhisuu** Same as *fannisuu*

**fandhoo** Same as *fannoo* under *fannisuu*

**fandisha** Same as *missingaa*

**fannifachuu** See *fannisuu*

**fannifamuu** See *fannisuu*

**fannisa** See *fannisuu*

**fannisiisuu** See *fannisuu*

**fannisuu** *tv* **1** hang sth *gonfoo isaa eessatti fannise* Where did he hang his cap? *qabee sana бага аchитти fannifte/fanniste* It is good that she/you hung that gourd there. **2** hang, i.e., put to death by hanging *ofi fannise* He hanged himself, i.e., he committed suicide. **fannifachuu** *tv* **1** suspend *uleetti fannifatee baate* He suspended it on a stick/staff and carried it. **2** sling over the shoulder, hang loosely or freely *qawwee gateettitti fannifatee manaa baye* He slung the gun over his shoulder and left home.

**fannifamuu** *tv* (passive) **1** (of things) be hung *gaaf hunda qawween asitti fannifama* The gun has to be hung here all the time **2** be hanged *namni beekaa nama ajjeesse ni/in fannifama* A person who kills someone intentionally will be hanged. **fannisa** *n* hanging **fannisiisuu** cause to hang both things and criminals **faannoo** *n* **1** bandit, i.e., one who slings a gun over his shoulder and roams about and robs people **2** Same as *masqala* **(2)** **fannoo** *n* hook, usu used for hanging or suspending sth on *utubaan kun fannoo hin qabu* There is no hook on the pillar

**fannoo** See *fannisuu*

**fannoo diimaa** *n* Red Cross

**fanaxoo** *n* lues, syphilis, or the pox

**fanxoo baasuu** *iv* catch the pox

*fanxoo baafte* She caught the pox.

**fanxooftuu** *adj* (of a person)  
 syphilitic **fanxoo fuuchuu** Same  
 as *fanxoo baasuu* above  
**fanxoo baasuu** See *fanxoo*  
**fanxooftuu** See *fanxoo*  
**fanxoo fuuchuu** Same as *fanxoo*  
*baasuu* under *fanxoo*  
**faraatuu** See *fara'uu*  
**farachiisuu** See *faraduu*  
**faradii** Same as *soba* under *sobuu*  
**faradoo** Same as *farda*  
**faraduu** *tv* decide for/in favor of  
 or against; return a verdict  
*abbaan alangaa naaf farade* The  
 judge decided in my favor.  
*jaratti faradde* She/You decided  
 against them. *iseetti faradan* She  
 was returned guilty (by them).  
**farachiisuu** *tv* make sb return a  
 verdict *kottu deemnee jaarsa*  
*farachiifnaa* Let us go and have  
 the elders return a verdict, i.e.,  
 for us or against us.  
**faranjii** *n* alien or foreigner, usu a  
 person of European origin with  
 white skin  
**farankaa** *n* money, usu coins  
**faranqaquu** *iv* be unruly  
**faraqa** Same as *faraqaa*  
**faraqaa** *n* shift/turn *faraqaa dhaan*  
*hojjanna* We work shifts.  
**fara'uu** *tv* provoke sb to do  
 sth/into doing sth; taunt sb with  
 sth *nan fara'in* Do not provoke  
 me into hitting, slapping, etc.,  
 you. **farra** *adj*, *n* 1 (of male)  
 mischievous, sinister, or trouble  
 maker, i.e., a man who provokes  
 sb into acting violently *namicha*  
*farra kanaa wajjin hin deemu* I

don't want to go with this man  
 who likes to provoke people into  
 acting violently. 2 Same as *milkaa*  
**faraatuu** (of a person) *adj* sinister  
 or trouble maker, i.e., one who  
 provokes sb into acting violently  
**farda** *n* 1 horse *fardaan dhufe* He  
 came on horse back. 2 a sacred  
 or holy person who is the  
 sanctuary or the carrier of a  
 deity, so to speak; see also *gindoo*  
 (2) and *baataa*<sup>1</sup>

**fardii** *adv* every day; daily *fardii*  
*dhufa* He comes daily.

**farooraa** *n* women's earring

**farqa** See *farqachuu*

**farqachuu** *tv* be chipped *afaan*  
*uuroo kootii ni/in farqate* The  
 mouth of my jar is chipped.

**farqa** *adj* chipped **farqeessuu** *tv*  
 chip *eenyutu afaan uuroo kootii*  
*farqeesse?* Who chipped the  
 mouth of my jar? **farquu** *n* chip  
*uuroon kun farquu qaba* This jar  
 has got a chip in it. See also  
*seelkoo*

**farqeessuu** See *farqachuu*

**farquu** See *farqachuu*

**farra** See *fara'uu*

**farramsiisuu** See *farramuu*

**farramuu** *iv* sign, i.e., write one's  
 own name *eega qubeen Oromoo*  
*bara 1973 dhalatee asi, qubaan*  
*farramuun afaa jira* Since the  
 Oromo alphabet was born in  
 1973, signing with the finger is  
 becoming a thing of the past. See  
 also *mal'atteessuu* which is  
 currently used **farramsiisuu** *tv* 1  
 have sb sign a document, etc.

*waraqata isa farramsiifte* She had him sign the document. **2** have sb enter into an obligation *atuu hin farramsiisin itti hin eerumin* Don't marry him until he signs a marriage contract. **firmaa** *n* 1 signature; see also *mal'atoo* **2** contractual agreement *firmaa malee itti eerumtee* Did you marry him without any contract?

**farriftuu** See *farrisuu*

**farrisaa** See *farrisuu*

**farristuu** Same as *farriftuu* under *farrisuu*

**farrisuu** *tv* say/utter something evil that is believed to cause bad luck, illness or even death to sb (superstition) *gaaf hunda namatti farrisa* He always says sth evil that may bring down bad luck, illness, or even death to people. **farriftuu** *adj* of a person who utters something evil and causes bad omen **farrisaa** *adj*, *n* of a male human who utters sth evil that is believed to cause evil things to happen

**farroo** Same as *farra* (1) under *fara'uu*

**farsaa'uu** Same as *machaaawuu*

**farshaana** Same as *machii* under *machaaawuu*

**farshaawuu** Same as *machaaawuu*

**farshoo** Same as *farsoo*

**farsoo** *n* home-made beer

**fashalsuu** See *fashaluu*

**fashaluu** *iv* (applies to sth unpleasant) be averted; fail; be nipped in the bud *karoorri nafxanyootii ittiin nu bituuf*

*qopheessaa jiranu duraa fahala* The sinister plan with which the die-hard remnants of the gun-bearing land lords intend to oppress us will fail. **fashalsuu** *tv* cause to fail

**fasooliyaa** *n* small, white beans **fatii** *adv* suddenly; unexpectedly *fatii dhaan isa arraan baye* He visited him unexpectedly.

**fatta'uu** *iv* spread the legs out until it resembles that of a frog; sit or stand spread-eagled *fatta'ee taa'e* He spread his legs out and sat **fattee** *n* frog

**fattee** See *fatta'uu*

**faxaa** See *faxuu*

**faxara** *n* breakfast, see also *bultee* (2) under *buluu* and *ciree*

**faxee** *n* name of deity

**faxooruu** *tv* put a bit, usu made of rope in a horse's mouth *cancala dhabeen farda koo funyoo dhaan faxooree yaabbadhe* Because I couldn't find the metal bit, I used a rope as a bit and rode it [my horse].

**faxuu** *tv* support a tottering house with wood or similar object *manni kun jiguufii faxi* Support this tottering house with strong wood. **faxaa** *n* strong wood or a similar object used to support usu a tottering house/hut temporarily

**faxuula** Same as *koora* under *kooruu*

**faxuulsisuu** Same as *koorsuu* under *koruu*

**faxuuluu** Same as *kooruu*

**fayyaa** See *fayyuu*  
**fayyadamoo** See *fayyadu*  
**fayyadu** *tv* be useful for *bishaan*  
*kun uffata miiccuuf ni/in fayyada*  
 This water is good enough for  
 washing clothes (not for  
 drinking). **faayidaa** *n* advantage  
 or use *gati faayida hin qabu* Throw  
 it away; it has no use  
**fayyadamoo** *n* beneficiary *eega*  
*baankichi achitti banamee asi,*  
*qotattoonni baay'een fayyadamoo*  
*ta'aniiru* Since the bank was  
 established there, many farmers  
 have become beneficiaries (of the  
 bank).

**fayyifachuu** See *fayyuu*<sup>1</sup>

**fayyifamuu** See *fayyuu*<sup>1</sup>

**fayyisiisuu** See *fayyuu*<sup>1</sup>

**fayyisuu** See *fayyuu*<sup>1</sup>

**fayyuma** See *fayyuu*<sup>1</sup>

**fayyumaa** See *fayyuu*<sup>1</sup>

**fayyummaa** See *fayyuu*<sup>1</sup>

**fayyuu**<sup>1</sup> *iv* heal, recover from  
 illness or be on one's feet again  
*fayyiteetti* She has recovered.

**fayyaa** *adj, n* 1 health *fayyaa hin*

*qabdu* She is in poor health. 2

whole *daabboo tokko fayyaa fixe*

He finished a whole loaf of

bread. *daljeessa fayyaatu midhaan*

*lix* The whole baboon family

entered the crop. 3 (applies to

things like utensils, furniture,

vehicles, etc.) unbroken, in

excellent condition *uuroon kun*

*fayyyaa dhaa bitadhu* This jar is in

an excellent condition; buy it. 4

(applies to mental well being)

normal *namichi kun fayyaa dha*

*moo maraatu dha?* Is this man  
 normal or is he crazy? *namichi*  
*kun fayyaa hin qabuu; fayyuma*  
*lafaa ka'ee nama arrabsaa?* This  
 man is not normal; how come he  
 calls people names without any  
 provocation? **fayyaa dhabuu** *iv*  
 be sickly, i.e., be weak,  
 unhealthy and often sick *mucaan*  
*koo fayyaa dhabeera* My child has  
 become sickly. **fayyaa**

**godhachuu** Same as **fayyaa**  
**qabaachuu** *iv* be blessed with  
 good health **fayyaa ta'uu** *iv* be  
 healthy and strong; when used  
 with 2<sup>nd</sup> person, sing [-u ending]  
 or 2<sup>nd</sup> person, pl/honorific [-aa  
 ending], the forms are the same  
 as/equivalent to saying "Thank  
 you". Here are some of them:

*fayyaa argadhu/argadhaa; fayyaa*  
*godhu/godhaa; fayyaa jiraadhu/*  
*jiraadhaa; fayyaa ta'i/ta'aa*

**fayyifachuu** *tv* cure sb for self  
*nyaata gaarii gaarii laadheefin isa*  
*fayyifadhe* I nursed him back to  
 health by feeding him good  
 food. **fayyifamuu** *iv* (passive) be  
 cured and regain health,  
 strength, etc. **fayyisiisuu** *tv*  
 cause to be healthy *mana*  
*hakiimiitti isa geessi fayyisiisi* Take  
 him to the hospital and have  
 him cured from his illness.

**fayyisuu** *tv* cure, i.e., bring back  
 to health *qoricha mana hakiimiitu*  
*na fayyise* It is the medicine from  
 the hospital that cured me.

**fayyuma** *adj, adv* 1 (usu used as  
 an answer to a greeting) fine/in



good health *ani fayyuma isinoo?*  
 I'm fine, and you? **2** without  
 provocation *fayyuma lafaa ka'ee*  
*na arrabse* He called me a name  
 without any provocation  
**fayyumaa** (usu used in greeting)  
 fine, i.e., in good health *akkam*  
*isin fayyumaa* How are you, are  
 you fine? **fayyummaa n** health;  
 healthiness; well-being  
**fayyuu**<sup>2</sup> *v 1* (usu takes *walitti*)  
 stick, i.e., become joined with  
*diftiinii fi qadaadii walitti fayyee*  
*walittii bawuu dide* The sauce pan  
 and its lid stuck together and  
 refused to separate **2** (of persons)  
 embrace/hug affection  
*ately obboleettinii fi obboleessi*  
*turanii wal agranii walitti fayyan.*  
 Brother and sister embraced  
 each other fondly on seeing each  
 other after long separation. **3** eat  
 or drink greedily, usu refusing  
 to stop *sangaan margaatti fayye*  
*The ox ate the grass greedily and*  
*resisted attempts to pull him*  
*away.*

**fe'achuu** See *fe'uu*<sup>1</sup>

**fe'amuu** See *fe'uu*

**feccuu** *adj, iv 1* (of females)  
 carefree and irresponsible **2**  
 Same as *falaxuu* (1)

**fecceuu** *iv 1* (usu of oozing  
 wound) ooze or trickle *madaan*  
*isaa ni/in fececa* Blood oozes from  
 his wound. **2** (of rain) drizzle  
 continuously *kaleessa bokkaan*  
*fececaa oole* It was drizzling all  
 day yesterday.

**fecera'uu** Same as *becera'uu*

**fedha** See *fedhuu*

**fedhuu** *iv* want, i.e., be in need of;  
 desire or wish *ammam feeta?*  
 How much do you want? *yoo na*  
*wajjin deemuu feete kottu* If you  
 wish/want to go with me, you  
 may come. *akka fedhe/feete ha*  
*nyaatu/nyaattu* Let him/her eat  
 as he/she wishes. **fedha n**  
 desire, preference, or wish *fedha*  
*koo miti* It is not my wish,  
 preference, or desire.

**feeca'uu** Same as *beceraawuu*

**feellaa n** safety razor

**feenxee n** (usu of a house) poor  
 quality *mana feenxee ijaare* He  
 built a poor quality house.

**feesisuu** See *fe'uu*

**feetuu** *adv* perhaps

**feexoo n** mustard

**fe'iisa** See *fe'uu*

**fe'isa** Same as *fe'iisa* under *fe'uu*<sup>1</sup>

**feesisuu** See *fe'uu*

**felee n** a small tobacco pipe

**ferecca'uu** Same as *beceraawuu*

**fe'uma** See *fe'uu*<sup>1</sup>

**fe'umsa** See *fe'uu*<sup>2</sup>

**fe'uu**<sup>1</sup> *tv 1* load or put into/onto  
 sth *buna harreetti feene* We loaded  
 the bags of coffee onto a donkey.  
**2** harness or saddle a horse or a  
 mule and make it ready for  
 riding *gaangee naa fe'i* Saddle the  
 mule for me, i.e., make it ready  
 for riding. **3** load sth up *makinaa*  
*fe'aa jira* He is loading up the  
 truck. *Harree fe'ee?* Has he loaded  
 up the donkey? **fe'achuu** *tv* load,  
 load up, saddle or harness for  
 self *farda isaa fe'atee yaabbate* He

harnessed his horse for self and rode it. **fe'amu** *tv* (passive) be loaded, harnessed, or saddled *gaangeen fe'amtee?* Is the mule saddled and ready for riding? **fe'iisa** *n* load *harreetti fe'iisatu ulfaate* The load is too heavy for the donkey. **feesisuu** *tv* cause to load on to *mi'a koo harreetti naa feesise* He made sb load my things on the donkey for me. **fe'uma** *n* leather strap or rope used for keeping loads stay put on the backs of pack animals **fe'uu**<sup>2</sup> *iv* (applies to food or drink swallowed) go down the wrong way; suffer from food spasm *bishaantu na fe'e* The water I was drinking went down the wrong way. **fe'amu** *iv* [applies to a person who swallowed the wrong way; passive] be choked, so to speak, as a result of swallowing the wrong way *ni/in fe'ame* He was choked because he swallowed the wrong way. *ni/in fe'amte* You/She swallowed the wrong way. *nan fe'ame* I swallowed the wrong way. **feesisuu** *tv* cause to swallow the wrong way *atuun dhuguu na kofalchiisee na feesise* By making me laugh while I was drinking, he made me swallow the wrong way. **fe'umsa** *n* swallowing the wrong way *fe'umsaan du'e* He died of swallowing the wrong way. **ffaa** the suffix "-th" that changes a cardinal number into an

ordinal number *osoo ffaan itti hin maxxanfamin: fakkeenyaaf: tokko, lama, sadi, afur, shan* Examples of cardinal numbers: one, two, three, four, five *Eega ffaan itti maxxanfamee booda fakkeenyaaf: tokkoffaa, lammaffaa, sadaffaa, afuraaffaa, shanaffaa* Examples of cardinal numbers: first (1<sup>st</sup>) second (2<sup>nd</sup>) third (3<sup>rd</sup>) fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) fifth (5<sup>th</sup>)

**fi** *conj* 1 and *jaalalaa fi jibba* love and hate *dhiiraa fi dubartii* man and woman *jireenyaa fi du'a* life and death *mukaa fi baala* tree and leaf *ifaa fi dukkana* light and dark **HUBADHAA:** *jechi "fi" ordo fu gaaf hundumaa dubbachiiftuu dheeraa dhaan xumurama* N.B. any word that precedes "fi" always ends in a long vowel 2 Same as *f: isaaf ana* he and I

**ficaa** *n* flour; see also *daakuu* (1) under *daakuu*<sup>2</sup>

**ficaan** Same as *fincaan*

**ficcisiisuu** See *fixuu*

**fichisiisuu** See *fiduu*

**fidachuu** See *fiduu*

**fiddoo** *n* pants or trousers

**fiduu** *tv* bring sth/sb; bring about or cause *awuu dhuftu fidii kottu* Bring it with you when you come. *injiraan golfaa fida jedhu* They say lice bring about/cause typhus. **fichisiisuu** *tv* cause to bring sth/sb to sb *yoo inni Goree deeme kittaa naa fichisiisi* If he goes to Gore, let him bring me a shirt. **fidachuu** bring sth for self *awuu dhuftu xoofoo kee fidhadhuu*

*kottu* When you come, bring your own drinking cup with you. **rabbi/waaq namatti waa fiduu** *tv* visit sth on sb; cause a visitation to *beela baranaa rabbitu nutti fide* This year's famine is a visitation of God.

**figgim gochuu** See *figgimsuu*

**figgim jechuu** See *figgimsuu*

**figgimsiisuu** See *figgimsuu*

**figgimsuu** *tv* kill instantly; push and make fall down fast

**figgimsiisuu** *tv* cause to fall down fast; cause to kill fast or instantly **figgim gochuu** *tv* kill sb fast and instantly *diina isaa figgim godhee bira darbe* He killed his enemy instantly and walked away. **figgim jechuu** *iv* die at once; fall fast and suddenly *rukkutta tokkoon figgim jedhe* He died at once with just one blow. *atuu fiigduu figgim jette* He fell down suddenly while running

**fii** *prep* for (indicates eventual possession, use, etc.; it's the same as *f* but *fii* is usu used in questions *bunni kun jaraafii?* Is this coffee for them? *lafti kun shumburaa dhaafii?* Is this plot of land for growing chick-peas? cf., *kun anaaf* This is for me. *kun anaafii?* Is this for me? Sometimes both *f* and *fii* can be interchangeable *farsoon kun anaaf; itti hin bu'in* This beer is for me; don't touch it. *farsoon kun anaafii itti hin bu'in* This beer is for me; don't touch it.

**fiigaa** See *fiiguu*

**fiigduu** See *fiiguu*

**fiigicha** See *fiiguu*

**fiigichoo** Same as *fiigicha* under *fiiguu*

**fiigisuu** See *fiiguu*

**fiiguu** *iv* run; dart away *fiiganii mana lixan* They ran and entered the house. **fiigaa** *adj* (of male) runner *biqilaan fiigaa beekamaa dha* Biqilaa is a well known runner. **fiigduu** *adj* (of female) runner *Daraartuun fiigduu beekamtuu dha* Daraartuu is a famous runner. **fiigicha** *n* running *fiigicha naa bayi* I challenge you to compete with me in running. **fiigsisuu** *tv* make/cause to run *sa'a hin fiigsisin* Don't make the cattle run.

**fiiluu** Same as *biqiluu* (1)

**fiingee** See *fiingisuu*

**fiingisuu** *iv* rain very heavily *eda in/ni fiingise* It rained heavily last night. **fiingee** *n* vile and violent rain

**fiinnoo** *n* horn trumpet

**fiinoo** Same as *fiinnoo*

**fiinx** Same as *fiixee*

**fiinx baasuu** Same as *fiixaan baasuu*

**fiitii** *n* a climbing plant

**fiixa** Same as *fiixee*

**fiixaan baafachuu** See *fiixaan bawuu*

**fiixaan baasuu** See *fiixaan bawuu*

**fiixa baafachuu** Same as *fiixaan baafachuu*

**fiixa baasuu** Same as *fiixaan baasuu*

**fiixa bawuu** Same as *fiixaan bawuu*  
**fiixaan bawuu** *iv* (applies to a project or any undertaking) be completed; succeed **fiixaan baafachuu** *tv* achieve a goal one has set for oneself; complete/finish for self *yaada koo fiixaan baafadheera* I have achieved my goal. **fiixaan baasuu** *tv* achieve one's goal; complete or finish what one has already begun/started *isa jalqabe iyyuu fiixaan hin/him baafanne* He has not finished doing what he has already started.  
**fiixee** *n* highest point, summit, tip, or top *qalameen muka fiixee arra jirti* The monkey is at the top of the tree. *fiixee eeboo* the tip of a spear  
**filaa**<sup>1</sup> See *filuu*<sup>2</sup>  
**filaa**<sup>2</sup> *n* 1 sharp part of a plant stalk left in the ground after the upper part has been cut off, e.g. stubble *filaatuu miilla isaa waraane* A stubble pierced his foot. 2 spine or quill of porcupines *filaa xaddee* porcupine quill/spine  
**filaangoo** Same as *mimmixa*  
**filachuu** See *filuu*  
**filamuu** See *filuu*  
**filatamuu** Same as *filamuu* under *filuu*<sup>2</sup>  
**filee** *n* 1 sharp horn of animals 2 Same as *filaa* (1) under *filuu*<sup>1</sup>  
**filfillee** *adj, n* relatively wide gap between teeth; gap-toothed *ilkaan isee filfillee dha* She is gap-

toothed. See also *faaqqee* (2) under *faaqqisuu*  
**fili** Same as *biqilutuu* under *biqiluu*  
**filmaata** See *filuu*<sup>2</sup>  
**filsiiisuu** See *filuu*<sup>2</sup>  
**filuu**<sup>1</sup> *tv* 1 comb *mataa isaa filiif* Comb his hair for him. 2 (of any sharp object fixed in the ground) stub or pierce *filaa misingaatu miilla na file* A sorghum stubble stubbed/pierced my foot. **filaa** *n* comb; see also *faaqqee* (1) under *faaqqisuu* **filachuu** *tv* 1 comb for self *mataa isee filatti* She is combing her hair. **filamuu** *tv* (passive) be combed *mataan mucaa filameeraa?* Is the child's hair combed?  
**filuu**<sup>2</sup> *tv* 1 choose, select, or pick out *sirba kana isaaf fille* We selected this song for him. 2 elect to a position of authority *dura taa'aa waldaa keenyaa har'a filla* We are going to elect a chairperson of our association today. **filachuu** *tv* elect a person to an office for self *dura taa'aa waldaa keenyaa har'a filanna* We are going to elect a chairperson of our association today for self. **filamuu** *tv* (passive) be elected *eenyutu dura taa'aa waldaa keenyaa ta'ee filame?* Who is elected as a chairperson of our association?  
**filmaata** *n* election **filsiiisuu** *tv* cause to elect *oboleessa koo filsisiifna* We will have my brother elected.  
**fincaa** See *fincaawuu*

**fincaan** See *fincaawuu*

**fincaan kormaa** See *fincaawuu*

**fincaawuu** *iv, tv* make/pass water, pee, piddle, piss, urinate, or wet one's bed or clothes *eenyutu assitti fincaaye?* Who urinated here? *mucaan siree irratti fincaaye* The baby has wet/has wetted the bed. **fincaa** *n* water-fall *fincaa jalatti baabura midhaan daaku ijaaran* They have put up a mill under the water-fall.

**fincaan** *n* urine *hakiimiin fincaan kee fidii kottu naan jedhe; maal itti godha?* The medical doctor told me to bring a urine specimen. What is he going to do with it?

**fincaan kormaa** *n* sperm

**fincoofsisu** *tv* make urinate *maaliif sa'a asitti fincoofsiftaa!*

Why do you make the cow urinate here!

**finceessisuu** Same as *fincoofsisuu* under *fincaawuu*

**fincila** See *finciluu*

**fincilaa** See *fincilla'uu*

**fincilamuu** See *finciluu*

**fincillaatuu** See *fincilla'uu*

**fincilla'uu** *tv* rebel; contradict or oppose sb *fardii na fincilaati* She always opposes me. **fincillaatuu** *adj* (usu female) nagger **fincilaa** *adj* (male) nagger

**fincilsiisuu** See *finciluu*

**finciltuu** Same as *fincillaatuu* under *fincilla'uu*

**finciluu** *iv* refuse to be ruled by a tyrant or a dictator; rebel against

**fincila** *n* rebellion **fincilamuu** *tv* (passive) be deposed **fincil-**

**siisuu** *tv* agitate, incite, stir, or instigate people to rebel *usu* against a corrupt government *dubbii nama kakaasu dubbatee namoota baay'ee fincilsii* He made an arousing speech which incited many people to rebel.

**fincofsisuu** See *fincaawuu*

**fincoo** *n* eaves or gable *fincoo jala jira* It is under the eaves.

**fincooftuu** *n* 1 spider 2 skin disease, *usu* sore on the nose, believed to be caused by a spider's urine

**findaaruu** *iv* (usu of domestic animals) cross over to the other side of a river or be near a river bank *sangaan laga findaaree midhaan namaa lixe* The ox crossed over to the other side of the river and entered someone else's crop.

**findiga** See *findiguu*

**findiguu** *tv* dig the ground to grow crop on it or to lift root crops such as potatoes and sweet potatoes *ganamaan ka'ee dinnicha findigee gurgurate* He got up early in the morning, lifted or dug up potatoes, and sold them for self. **findiga** *n* digging or lifting

**Finfinnee** *n* the main city or the capital of Oromiyaa; renamed Addis Ababa after the colonization of Oromiyaa, i.e., Oromo country

**finiina** See *finiinuu*

**finiinaa** See *finiinuu*

**finiinsuu** See *finiinuu*

**finiinuu** *iv* 1 perspire or sweat, usu while eating hot food *yaroo nyaatu ni/in finiina* He perspires when he eats. 2 become red-hot, usu applies to hot metal from the furnace *sibiilli finiineera* The metal has become red-hot  
**finiina** *n* perspiration **finiinaa** *adj* glowing *sibiila finiinaa* glowing, red-hot metal  
**finiinsuu** *tv* 1 cause to perspire or sweat *marqaa gubaa kanatu na finiinse* It is this hot porridge that makes me perspire. 2 cause to glow or be red hot *sibiila finiinsee, burruusaan rurrukutee billaa tolche* He forged a knife out of metal after making it [the metal] red-hot, and after hammering it. 3 distil liquor *araqee finiinsitee gurgurtee jiraatti* She makes a living by distiling liquor and selling it. 4 (fig) cause sb's blood flow by hitting him/her very hard *rukutta dhaan adda isaa finiinse* He made his forehead bleed by hitting him real hard.

**finjaala** *n* small coffee cup without a handle or an ear

**finjaana** Same as *finjaala*

**finniisa** *n* 1 pimple; *zits fuulli isaa finniisa duwwaa ta'e* His face is covered with pimples all over. 2 Same as *kanniisa*

**finnoo** *n* 1 small pox; see also *maariyyee* 2 Same as *finniisa* (1)

**finqilla'uu** *iv* 1 (used of donkeys, horses, or mules) jump/skip about; prance *fardi finqilla'ee*

*koora ofirraa (of arraa) buuse* The horse pranced and threw the saddle off his back. 2 work without rest *olii gadi finqillaatee jiraatti* She works without rest and makes a living.

**finxira** *n* commission, usu given or received in the form of drinks after helping sb buy or sell sth *finxira na obaasi* Buy me drinks as commission.

**finxiriira** See *finxiriiruu*

**finxiriirsuu** See *finxiriiruu*

**finxiriiruu** run real fast; sprint; turn tail *sa'i leenca argitee finxiriirte* The cow saw a lion and turned tail. **finxiriira** *n* running fast; sprinting; prancing  
**finxiriirsuu** *tv* cause to run fast *maaliif akkana sa'a finxiriirsa?* Why does he make the cattle run so fast?

**finyoo** Same as *funyoo*

**fira** See *froomuu*

**firiramuu** See *firfirsuu*

**firfirsu** See *firfirsuu*

**firfirsamuu** Same as *firfiramuu* under *firfirsuu*

**firfirsuu** *tv* 1 clutter (up), i.e., make untidy *mana keessa uuba asii fi achi hin firfirsin* Don't clutter up the room with the garbage. 2 cause to drop or strew usu while moving along *makiinaan buna firfirsaa darbe* A truck passed by dropping or strewing coffee beans over the road. 3 sprinkle water on *lafa kana atuu hin harin, dura bishaan itti firfirsi* Sprinkle water on this

floor before you sweep it [the floor]. **firfiramuu** *tv* (passive) be scattered or cluttered *uuba mana keessatti firfirame kana harii gati* Clean this garbage and throw it out. **firfirsaa** *n* cluttering

**firii** *n* fruit

**firindiidaa** Same as *firinxiixaa*

**firindiiduu** Same as *firinxiixuu*

**firinxiixaa** See *firinxiixuu*

**firinxiixuu** *iv* prosper, i.e., be rich *barana horii baay'ee argatee firinxiixe* He has prospered this year. **firinxiixaa** *adj* affluent or rich *abbaan isaa akka ammaa osoo hin ta'in, dur firinxiixaa ture* His father used to be rich.

**firiqqisuu** Same as *urgeessuu* (2)

**firixuu** Same as *finxiriiruu*

**firmaa** See *farramuu*

**firooma** Same as *firummaa* under *firoomuu*

**firoomfachuu** See *firoomuu*

**firoomsuu** See *firoomuu*

**firoomuu** *iv* become one's friend *naa firoomeera* He has become my friend. **fira** *n* kin, next of kin, or relative, usu a person related to one by blood *inni fira kooti* He is my relative. **firoomfachuu** *tv* befriend, i.e., make sb one's friend for self *beekaan alagaa firoomfata* A wise man makes even a non-relative his close friend *na firoomfate* (Though we didn't know each other before) he made me his friend.

**firoomsuu** *tv* cause to be a friend *yaa waaq ijoollee kootii alagaa firoomsi* God, please make

even a non-relative a good friend of my children (a parent's prayer) **firummaa** *n* (family) relationship or friendship, i.e., through birth or marriage *firummaan isaanii karaa kami?* How are they related? *karaa abbaati* It is on the father's side.

**firoonfachuu** Same as

*firoomfachuu* under *firoomuu*

**firqii** *n* a seed in a pod *buna firqii* one coffee seed in a pod

**firisuu** *iv* 1 act first; be first in planning or doing sth; preempt *firriseetu na rukute* He acted fast and hit me first 2 Same as *dorgomuu*

**firummaa** See *firoomuu*

**firumsa** Same as *firummaa* under *firoomuu*

**fis** (suffix) for sb/sth also/too *inni anaafis fira* He is also my friend/He is my friend too. *anaafis buna dabali* Give me some more coffee, too. *isee dhaafis aannan dabali* Add more milk for her also.

**fishaa** Same as *xaa'oo* (2)

**fishee** *n* Id al-Fitr

**fittaala** *n* a kind of cloth worn by women

**fittaalee** 1 Same as *fittaala* 2 *adj* of a cow whose stomach area is white

**fittee** *n* 1 danger; hazard; problem *kuni ammoo fittee biraa fida* And this one will create another problem 2 sulks

**fittisuu** *iv, tv* tie sth firmly 2 Same as *futtaafachuu* under *futta'uu*

**fixachiisuu** See *fixuu*

**fixachuu** See *fixuu*

**fixamuu** See *fixuu*

**fixatachuu** See *fixuu*

**fixeensa** *n* dew *karaan kun fixeensa ta'e* The grass on the sides of the path became wet with dew.

**fixeensi bu'uu** *iv* (of dew) fall on grass *fixeensi bu'eeraa sa'a ol galchaa* Bring in the cattle; don't let them eat grass covered with dew (because it's not good for their health).

**fixuu** *tv* 1 bring to an end, complete, or finish *nyaata fixee* Has he finished eating? *mana isaa ijaaree fixee?* Has he completed the construction of his house?

*koolejii fixxeetti* She has completed college. 2 wear out, i.e., make unusable through heavy use or over use *kittaa koo fixeera* I have worn out my shirt.

3 (usu used of chiggers, lice, ticks, vermins, bed bugs, fleas, etc.) infest *silmiin sa'a koo fixxeetti*

My cow is infested with ticks. 4 kill a large number of animals, people, etc. *abiddi edaa nama baay'ee fixe* Last night's fire killed many people. **ficcisiisuu** *tv*

cause to finish, infest, or kill *haasaa isaa ficcisiisi* Let him finish

what he has started to say, i.e., don't interrupt him. *mucaan koo daljeessa midhaan ficcisiise* My

child made the baboons eat up/ruin the crop. *leenca nu ficcisiisee oole* He almost had us

all killed by a lion, e.g. by taking

us to its den, etc. **fixachiisuu** *tv* cause to or make finish *dubbii isaa jaarsaan fixachiifate* He had his case closed by the elders

**fixachuu** *tv* 1 finish or complete for self *dubbii koo fixachuun*

*dhaddacha dhaga* I am going to court to settle my law suit myself. 2 end all relations and dealings with *waa'ee isaa*

*fixadheera maqaa isaa lammata natti hin kaasinaa* I'm through with him; don't mention his

name to me again. 3 Same as *fixatachuu* below **fixamuu** *tv* (passive) be wiped out from the

surface of the earth *warri gama sanaa akkuma jiranuun golfaa dhaan fixaman* People in yonder

village were wiped out by typhus. **fixatachuu** *tv* 1 complete

for self *dubbii isaa fixateera* He has his court case closed. 2 boil away, said of sth being cooked by boiling *dafeen bishaan fixateera* The water (with which the beans were being boiled) had all boiled away.

**focaa** *adj* (usu of liquids or semi-liquid) insipid, tasteless, or watery *farsoo focaa* tasteless beer **focholuu** *iv* boast, brag, or show off

**focii** *n* a shrew or a stinking mouse

**focofocuu** *tv* stir sth in liquid and produce a gurgling sound

**focoo** *n* bowels, entrails, insides, or viscera; stomach *waraabessii*



*focoo harree jigse* The hyena took out the donkey's bowels/  
stomach

**fodda** Same as *foddaa*

**foddaa** *n* window

**fododcuu** *iv* (liquid) pour down on a lower place

**fodoo** *adj* (of neck) twisted to one side

**fodooddoo** *n* gorge, i.e., opening, usu with a stream, between hills or mountains

**fodooddoo galuu** *iv* huddle up and sleep; see also *kottoonfachuu*

**foga** *n* shape; form **foga baasuu** *tv* shape, i.e., give sth a desired shape/form

**fogg** *n* vulture *fogg abbaa kee ha nyaatu* May you die and become a vulture's prey!

**foggalaa** See *foggaluu*

**foggaltuu** See *foggaluu*

**foggaluu** *iv* 1 loaf or dawdle away *hojjachuu dhiisee asii fi achi foggola* He loafs around instead of working. 2 throw out innuendos against sb *na foggale* He insulted me obliquely **foggalaa** *n* (male humans) loafer **foggaltuu** (female) loafer

**fogoguu** *tv* eat greedily with mouth full

**fokkachiisuu** See *fokkisuu*

**fokkachuu** Same as *fokkisuu*

**fokkataa** Same as *fokkisaa* under *fokkisuu*

**fokkattuu** Same as *fokkiftuu* under *fokkisuu*

**fokkiftuu** Same as *fokkistuu* under *fokkisuu*

**fokkisa** See *fokkisuu*

**fokkisaa** See *fokkisuu*

**fokkisiisuu** Same as *fokkachiisuu* under *fokkisuu*

**fokkistuu** Same as *fokkiftuu* under *fokkisuu*

**fokkisuu** *iv* (used of animals, persons, things) be ugly, i.e., be unpleasant to look at *in/ni fokkifti* She is ugly. **fokkachiisuu** *tv* cause to look ugly *qamiisii koo sirriitti naa hin hodhine; ni fokkachiifte* You didn't tailor my dress properly; you made it look ugly. **fokkiftuu** *adj* (usu female) ugly *intala fokkiftuu* an ugly girl **fokkisa** *n* ugliness *fokkisa abbaa fardaa lafootu arga* (proverb) Only the pedestrian can see the ugliness of a person on horseback. **fokkisaa** *adj* (male or things) ugly *namicha fokkisaa kanatti eerumi naan jettuu?* Are you telling me to marry this ugly man?

**fokkortuu** See *fokkoruu*

**fokkoruu** *iv* brag of / about; boast *farda gulufuu dhaan namni na caalu hin jiru jedhee fokkora* He boasts of being the best horseman around. **fokkortuu** *n* braggart or boastful

**fokkuu** *n* fault, flaw, or imperfection *xoofoon kun fokkuu hin qabu; yoo feete biti yoo jibbite dhiisi* This horn cup is flawless; if you want, buy it, if you don't, leave it!

**foksa** See *foksuu*

**foksamuu** See *foksuu*

**foksiisuu** See *foksuu*  
**foksoo** See *foksuu*  
**foksuu** *tv* clean, treat, or wipe  
 hives, jars, milk vessels, etc. with  
 a herb that has sweet smell  
*gaagura kana dafii foksi* Treat this  
 hive with a sweet smelling herb  
 soon. **foksa** *n* act of wiping  
**foksamuu** *tv* (passive) be wiped  
 and cleaned with sweet smelling  
 herb *aannan okolee isa foksametti*  
*naqi* Pour the milk in the treated  
 milk vessel. **foksiisuu** *tv* cause  
 to clean or wipe with sweet  
 smelling herb **foksoo** *n* bark of  
 sweet smelling plant used for  
 wiping milk vessels

**folama** See *foluu*<sup>2</sup>

**folee** *n* 1 climbing plant with  
 edible large beans 2 thief

**folfolii** *n* large beans

**folleessuu** Same as *fullaasuu*  
 under *fulla'uu*

**folloqfachuu** See *folloquu*

**folloqsaa** See *folloquu*

**folloqsiisuu** See *folloquu*

**folloqsuu** See *folloquu*

**folloqxuu** See *folloquu*

**folloquu** *iv* chip, i.e., be easily  
 broken, usu at the edge *uuroon*  
*koo ni/in folloqe* My jar has  
 chipped (at the mouth). **folloqaa**  
*adj* (of things not considered  
 diminutive) 1 chipped, i.e., of a  
 utensil that has a chip *finjaala*  
*folloqaa* a chipped cup 2 rived or  
 torn off (a main stalk) rived  
*boqqolloo folloqaa* rived ear of corn  
**folloqfachuu** *tv* tear off usu ear  
 of corn from its stalk; rive for

self **folloqsaa** *n* pulling or  
 tearing ear of corn from its stalk  
*boqqolloo folloqsaa deemaa* They  
 went to remove the ear of corn  
 from its stalk **folloqsiisuu** *tv*  
 cause to pull ear of corn from its  
 stalk **folloqsuu** *tv* rip or pull  
 from, i.e., pull and break off a  
 branch, an ear of corn, etc. at a  
 joint *damee muka arraa folloqse* He  
 tore a branch from the main  
 stalk of the tree. *boqqolloo muka*  
*shanan tokko folloqsi fudhu* Rive  
 off about five ears of corn and  
 take them **folloqxuu** *adj* (of sth  
 considered diminutive) chipped  
*uuroo folloqxuu* a chipped jar

**foloda** See *folodaawuu*

**folodaa** See *foloduu*

**folodaawuu** *iv* be disemboweled,  
 eviscerated, or be gutted, usu  
 done by humans during a fight  
 that involves a spear, a sword,  
 etc. or by predators *garaan isaa*  
*folodaayeera* He has been  
 disemboweled (during a fight).  
**foloda** *n* 1 bowels, entrails, guts,  
 isides, or viscera; hemorrhoids  
 or piles 2 ugly *mucaa foloda kana*  
 this ugly child **folodeessuu** *tv*  
 disembowel *eeboo dhaan garaa*  
*isaa folodeesse* He disembow-  
 eled him with a spear.

**folodee** See *foloduu*

**folodeessuu** See *folodaawuu*

**foloduu** gibber/prattle, i.e., talk  
 gibberish or nonsense *maaliif*  
*folodaa/foloddii?* Why does  
 he/she talk nonsense? **folodaa**  
*adj* (of male) nonsensical *namichi*

*kun folodaa dha haasaan isaa namatti hin mi'aawu* This man is nonsensical; his talk is not interesting. **folodee** (of female) nonsensical *niitii folodee a* nonsensical wife/ woman  
**foloo** Same as *folee*  
**foloosoo** *adj, n* 1 of a courageous pirate, snatcher, or robber 2 Same as *bulguu*  
**foloq gochuu** *tv* open the eye wide open *ija isaa foloq godhee na ilaale* He opened his eyes wide and looked at me.  
**folsiisuu** See *foluu*<sup>1</sup>  
**foltoo** See *foluu*<sup>1</sup>  
**foluu**<sup>1</sup> *tv* glut oneself; gorge oneself with/on sth, or take one's fill, i.e., eat as much as one can *kaleessa mana isaa dhaqnee damma follee* Yesterday we went to his house and took our fill of honey. **folama** *n* eating too much **folsiisuu** *tv* make eat as much as one can *damma nu folsiise* He kindly made us eat as much honey as we could. **foltoo** *adj* (usu of humans) gluttonous, greedy, or voracious (for food) *foltoon kun akkuma irribaa ka'een midhaanitti fiige* Greedy as he is, he ran to get food as soon as he woke up.  
**foluu**<sup>2</sup> *tv* insult or call sb names *ilma isaa follee baay'ee isa aarse* He called his son names and made him very angry. **folama** *n* disgusting insult  
**folxee** Same as *jagna*  
**fonaa** Same as *foon*

**fondoguu** *tv* 1 dig, i.e., break soil or ground with a digging implement 2 Same as *ammaaruu*  
**fonfachiisuu** Same as *fuunfachiisuu* under *fuunfachuu*  
**fonfachuu** Same as *fuunfachuu*  
**fongolchuu** Same as *fongolchuu*  
**fonguu** *tv* graze greedily with mouth full  
**fonnaa** (expression used when playing hockey) keep to your side *fonna kee qabadhu* Keep to your side  
**fongolchamuu** See *fongolchuu*  
**fongolchiisuu** See *fongolchuu*  
**fongolchuu** *tv* 1 up-root *qilleensi muka fongolche* The wind up-rooted the tree. See also *buqqisuu* 2 lever out of position *dhagaa fongolchee bofa ciisu baase* He levered a stone out of position and exposed a sleeping snake  
**fongolchamuu** *tv* (passive) be up-rooted be levered out of position **fongolchiisuu** *tv* cause to up-root or lever out of position  
**fooggaruu** *tv* 1 Same as *fondoguu* 2 search; look for  
**foohachuu** Same as *foowachuu* under *foowuu*  
**foohamuu** Same as *foowamuu* under *foowuu*  
**foohuu** Same as *foowuu*  
**foolachuu** *iv* 1 (usu used of a cow that has a calf at home) be restless, i.e., show signs of impatience and the desire to leave a grazing field and go home to her calf *saani kun jabbi*

*manaa qabdi fakkaatti; kanaaf manatti foolatti* This cow is restless; she wants to leave the grazing area and go home, perhaps she has a calf at home. 2 (used of female animals) be in the labor of child birth *sa'i koo dhaluuf foolatti* My cow is in the labor of giving birth.

**foolii** See *foolii fuchuu*

**foolii fuuchuu** *iv* scent, i.e., learn the presence of sb/sth by odor *sareen booyyee foolii fuudhe* The dog scented a pig. **foolii** *n* odor or smell (usu unpleasant) *foolii korbeessa reettii hin jaal'attu* She doesn't like the smell of a he-/billy-goat

**foolisii** *n* police; police man/woman; police constable *mana foolisii* a police station/office

**foollee** *n* 1 (usu of sth with a large hole in it) cribriform, holey honey-combed, or perforated *barcuma foollee* a stool with a hole in it 2 a large, drinking cup 3 in *gadaa* democratic system it is one of the five parties formed on the basis of age

**foon** *n* 1 flesh or meat *foon dheedhii* raw meat *foon waaddii* fried meat *foon affeellii* boiled meat 2 one's own flesh and blood, i.e., one's near relative *Oromoon hundi foon kootiwoo kamiin jaal'adheen kamiin jibba!* All Oromos are my blood and flesh; how can I love one and hate the other! **foon ilkaanii** *n* gum, i.e., flesh round the teeth

**foonaa** *n* corral or pen, i.e., a fenced enclosure for cattle; cattle run; see also *mooraa*

**foon ilkaanii** See *foon*

**foon namaa** Same as *dhiiga namaa* under *dhiiguu*

**fooqa** Same *fooqaa*

**fooqaa** *adj* of a person who lost almost all his teeth

**fooqii** *adj, n* 1 Same as *fooqaa* 2 story building; high rise *mana abbaa fooqii kudha lamaa* a twelve story building

**fooqqisuu** *iv* whistle, i.e., produce a series of sounds by making the air go into the lungs and by pursing up the lips *akkuma gurbichi fooqqiseen intalli manaa gadi baate* No sooner did the young man whistle than the girl went out (to meet him secretly). See also *fooricuu*

**foorica** See *fooricuu*

**fooricuu** *iv* whistle by drawing in air through the aperture between the incisors and the lower lip *fooricee na waame* He called me by whistling **foorica** *n* whistle *foorica dhageessee manaa gadi baate* She heard a whistle and got out.

**fooriya** Same as *foorica* under *fooricuu*

**fooriyuu** Same as *fooricuu*

**foosisuu** See *foowuu*

**footoo** *n* picture; photograph *footoo isee naa ergite* She sent me her picture.

**footuu** See *foowuu*<sup>1</sup>

**foowaa** See *foowuu*

**foowachuu** See *foowuu*

**foowamuu** See *foowuu*

**foowuu**<sup>1</sup> *tv* 1 (usu used of whip made of cord or rope) plait, i.e., entwine or twist two or more strings into one strand; make a rope *funyoo foowee gurgura* He makes rope and sells them 2 spin cotton or wool *jirbii footi* She is spinning cotton. **foosisuu** *tv* cause to plait/spin *jirbii na foosifte* She made me plait a rope. **footuu** *adj* of a female who spins, usu cotton **foowaa** *n* rope; strand **foowachuu** *tv* plait or make rope for self *qaccee foowate* He plaited a whip for self. **foowamuu** *iv* (passive) be plaited or spun

**foowuu**<sup>2</sup> *tv* (usu used of animals grazing in the field) choose, i.e., separate or sort out cows, oxen, etc., from among a herd of community cattle tended by taking turns at grazing *kaleessa isatu sa'a koo naa foowe* He was the one who sorted out my cows from the herd of cattle for me yesterday. **foosisuu** *tv* cause to choose **foowaa** *n* choosing or selecting *sa'a foowaa* choosing one's own cows and coxen from among a herd of cattle and take them home **foowachuu** *tv* choose for self **foowamuu** *tv* (passive) (of one's own cattle) be chosen/selected from among grazing cattle

**fooxana** See *fooxanuu*

**fooxanuu** *iv* (usu of hair) grow after being shaved; revive **fooxana** *adj* usu of hair that is at its early stage of growth; revival

**fooyuu** Same as *foowuu*

**fooyya'uu** *iv* (of health or poverty) feel/be better; be better off *isatti fooyya'eeraa?* Is he feeling better? *dur iyyeetti turte ammaaf fooyyatteetti* She used to be poor, but she is better off now. **fooyyee qabaachuu** *iv* be/feel better; be better off *ammaaf fooyyee qabdi* She is feeling better now/She is better off now. **fooyyessuu** *tv* cause to be better off or recover *qoricha keetu na fooyyesse* It is your medicine that helped me recover. *qonnaa jirbiituu isa fooyyesse* Cotton farming (growing) made him better off.

**fooyyessuu** See *fooyya'uu*

**foqoqa** See *foqoquu*

**foqoqsuu** See *foqoquu*

**foqoquu** *iv* 1 slide, i.e., move from one place to another with the buttocks in contact with a surface *ilmi koo ijaa tabba arraa foqoqaa ooluuf dafee qumxaa isaa fixe* My son wore out his shorts very fast because he slides down the slope all day. 2 walk or do things too slowly; drag one's heels or drag one's feet *daddaftee hin deemtuu; maaliif foqoqxa?* Why don't you walk fast; why are you dragging your feet? **foqoqa** *n* 1 sliding 2 dragging one's feet **foqoqsuu** *tv* 1 drag/

move, i.e., push or pull sth along while it is in contact with a surface *eega midhaan itti guuttee booda keeshaa lafa arra foqoqsite* After filling it with grain, she dragged the sack on the ground.  
**2** drag one's feet, usu when doing sth or when walking *daddafii deemi; miilla kee lafa arraa hinfoqoqsin* Walk fast; don't drag your feet.

**foqoruu** *iv* refuse to climb/jump on the bandwagon, to conform, or refuse to toe the line *namni dubbii namaa foqoru hin jaal'atamu* A person who dissents is not liked.

**foquu** *iv* make a warning sound *sareen waraabessa argee foqe* The dog made a warning sound when he saw a hyena.

**foraanfoxaawuu** *iv* **1** be fat and ugly *eega sooromtee asi inuma foraanfoxxe* After she became rich, she also became fat and ugly. **foraanfoxee** *adj* **1** fat and ugly **2** (of a house) ugly and of poor quality **foraanfoxeessuu** *tv* **1** cause to be fat *nyaata coomaa fi dhadhaatu akkana isee foraanfoxeesse* Eating too much fat and butter made her so fat. **2** build a house of a poor quality *mana isaa foraanfoxeesse ijaare* He built a house which is ugly and of poor quality.

**foraanfoxee** See *foraanfoxaawuu*  
**foraanfoxeessuu** See *foraanfoxaawuu*

**forfoxee** Same as *foxee*

**foroca** See **forocuu**

**forocamuu** See *forocuu*

**forocciisuu** See *forocuu*

**forocuu** *iv* drink noisily; slurp; lap up **foroca** *n* drinking noisily; slurping *foroca sareeti malee sagalee biraa miti* It is a slurping of a dog; it's not any other noise. **forocamuu** *tv* (passive) be slurped, drunk, or lapped up **forocciisuu** *tv* cause to drink, slurp, or lap up

**fororsaa** See *fororsuu*

**fororsuu** *tv* put up a scaffold on which people who are building stand **fororsaa** *n* scaffold on which builders stand

**foroxee** Same as *foxee*

**forqachuu** *iv* (usu used of gourd cups) be broken; be chipped *willeen ni/in forqate* The gourd cup is broken/chipped **forqee** *n* broken off piece **forqeessuu** *tv* chip

**forqee** See *forqachuu*

**forqeessuu** See *forqachuu*

**forroqqee** *adj* of a gap between teeth; of a toothless spot on the gum

**fosee** *adj* (usu of alcoholic drinks or tobacco) weak and of poor quality *farsoon isee fosee dha* Her beer is weak.

**foshee** *n* (vulgar) Same as *buqushaa*

**fosoliyaa** *n* small, white beans

**fossoo** *n* **1** cloth used for wiping, usu milk utensils *hagatti dhiba jette sareen fosso liqimsitee* "Obviously, there will be a

serious problem when defecating" said a dog after swallowing a wiping cloth (saying); see also *foksoo* under *foksuu* 2 many; heap  
**fottaa** *adj* formless  
**fottachuu** See *fottuu*  
**fottii** See *fottuu*  
**fottoksuu** *tv* 1 Same as *folloqsuu* 2 scratch an itchy skin very hard *maaliif ofi fottoksita?* Why do you scratch yourself so hard?  
**fottoqaa** Same as *folloqaa* under *folloquu*  
**fottoqee** Same as *fottoqaa*  
**fottoqsuu** Same as *folloqsuu* under *folloquu*  
**fottoquu** Same as *folloquu*  
**fottuu** *tv* take a lot **fottachuu** *tv* take a lot for self **fottii** *adj* many; a lot; surplus  
**foxee** *adj* (usu of a house) poor or low quality; ugly *mana foxeetti gala* He lives in a poor-quality house. *niitiin isaa foxee tokko* His wife is somewhat ugly.  
**foxoora** *adj* bareback  
**foyisa** Same as *foksa* under *foksuu*  
**foysisamuu** Same as *foksamuu* under *foksuu*  
**foysiisuu** Same as *foksiisuu* under *foksuu*  
**foyisoo** Same as *fossoo* (1)  
**foyisuu** Same as *foksuu*  
**foysoo** Same as *fossoo* (1)  
**foyyee** *n* jest; joke; humor  
**fucha** *n* chance or opportunity; opportune moment/time **fucha eeggachuu** *tv* bide one's time or wait for an opportune moment

to do sth *fucha eeggatee na rukute* He waited for an opportune moment and struck me. **fucha butuu** *iv* grab at the opportunity *sareen fucha buttee na ciniinte* The dog grabbed at the opportunity and bit me.  
**fuchii** (vulgar) Same as *buqushaa fudee n anus*  
**fudhachuu** See *fuudhuu*<sup>1</sup>  
**fudiddisoo** See *fududdisuu*  
**fududda'uu** See *fududdisuu*  
**fududdee**<sup>1</sup> Same as *fudiddisoo* under *fududdisuu*  
**fududdee**<sup>2</sup> *n* a kind of bird; see also *ududdee*  
**fududdisuu** *iv* swing **fudiddisoo** *n* swing, i.e. a seat suspended from above, usu for children to sit on and swing; act of swinging *ijoolleen fudiddisoo taphatu* The children are swinging and are having fun **fududda'uu** *iv* oscillate; wobble  
**fudura** *n* fruit  
**fufaa** See *fufuu*  
**fufachiisuu** See *fufuu*  
**fufachuu** See *fufuu*  
**fufamuu** See *fufuu*  
**fufata** Same as *fufaa* under *fufuu*  
**fuffuturuu** *adj* (usu of eyes) big; large *iji isaa fuffuturuu dha* His eyes are big/He is goggle-eyed.  
**fufurdaa** See *furdachuu*  
**fufurdoo** See *furdachuu*  
**fufuu** *tv* (usu takes *walitti* or *itti*) join, splice, or tie together, i.e., join at the ends *funyoo lama walitti fufe* He spliced two ropes together, i.e., to make it a single

long one 2 (takes *itti*) continue to do sth *haasaa kee itti fufi* Continue with your conversation, i.e., continue from where you stopped talking. **fufaa** *n* knot *funyoon kun fufaa qaba* This rope has a knot. **fufachiisuu** *tv* cause to be joined, spliced or tied together **fufachuu** *tv* join, splice, or tie together for self *funyoo gaggabaabduu kana walitti fufadhuu fudhu* Splice these short ropes yourself, change them into one long one, and then take it [the long one]. **fufamuu** *tv* (passive) be spliced; joined together *funyoon kun lamaan yoo walitti fufaman harree hidhuuf ni/in gawu* If these two pieces of rope are spliced together, they are good enough for tying the donkey.

**fugaa** *n* professional class of potters or wood workers (carpenters); see also *aaddoo* **fuggiffoo** See *fuggumma'uu* **fuggisoo** *adv* 1 Same as *fuggiffoo* under *fuggumma'uu* 2 down hill; slope *fuggisoo hin yaabbatin; awuu fuggisoo bira geessuu farda arraa bu'i* Don't ride a horse down hill; get off when you come to a slope.

**fuggumma'uu** *iv* 1 nod, i.e., let the head fall forward when sleepy *abidda bukkee teessee fuggummaati* She sits near the fire-place and nods. 2 (fig) toil *ijoollee isaa guddifachuuf jedhee fuggumma'a* He toils and moils in order to

bring up his children. **fuggiffoo** *adv* enter water, sleep, or stand with top down and bottom up *mucaan kun fuggiffoo dhalate* This baby came breech first. *gurbaan kun fuggiffoo ciisa* This boy lies down with the head downwards instead of at the head of a bed.

**fujjisa** *adv* (of a baby) come out of the womb with breech (buttocks) first *fujjisa dhalate* He came out with the buttocks first. See also *fuggiffoo* under *fuggumma'uu* **fulaa** *adj, adv* Same as *iddoo*; *bakka; lafa* (3) 2 ill-behaved; ill-mannered; rude *gurbaa fulaa* a rude, ill-mannered boy **fulbaana** September; see also *birraa*

**fulchuu** *tv* hint at; drop a hint; give a hint *dura dubbii fulchiif* First give him a hint (then he takes from there).

**fulfulii** *n* light or weak beer **fuliyoo** *n* mouse or shrew-like rat with long snout

**fulla'aa** See *fulla'uu*

**fullaafamuu** See *fulla'uu*

**fullaasa** See *fulla'uu*

**fullaasaa** See *fulla'uu*

**fullaasisuu** See *fulla'uu*

**fullaasuu** See *fulla'uu*

**fulla'uu** *iv* (usu of things) be perforated or have a hole made through *uuroon kun fulla'eera* This jar has a hole in it. **fulla'aa** *adj* holey; perforated/punctured *gommaa fulla'aa* a punctured tyer/tier **fullaafamuu** *tv* (passive) be punctured or



perforated **fullaasa** *n* by transfixing *daljeessa fullaasa waraanee ajjeese* He killed the baboon by transfixing it.

**fullaasaa** *n* a stick pointed on one end or both ends and used as a spear **fullaasisuu** *tv* cause to pierce through; make hole through *uuroo kana situ na fullaasise malee ani hin ta'u jedheenture* Although I said it wouldn't work, you insisted and made me break the jar (while making a hole through it.) **fullaasuu** *tv* 1 empale/impale or transfix, i.e., pierce through, *usu* with a spear *eeboo dhaan daljeessa fullaasee ajjeese* He killed a baboon by transfixing it. 2 (*usu* of road) take to directly/straight *karaan kun fullaasee Beddelleetti nu baasa* This road takes us straight to Beddellee. 3 deflower/disvirgin *natu dura isee fullaase jedhee natti hime* He told me he was the first to disvirgin her.

**fulleljeessuu** 1 Same as *arrabsuu* 2 Same as *fudhachuu*

**fullisee** See *fullisuu*

**fullisuu** *iv* be inelegant, graceless, or be unpolished (in manner) **fullisee** *adj* inelegant, graceless, or ungraceful

**fulloo** Same as *fullisee* under *fullisuu*

**fuluu** *n* a narrow path leading to or from a back yard *dhokatee karaa fuluu dhufee ol seene* He came secretly on the back yard path and entered the house.

**funaana** See *funaanuu*

**funaannachuu** See *funaanuu*

**funaansa** Same as *funaana* under *funaanuu*

**funaansaa** See *funaanuu*

**funaansisuu** See *funaanuu*

**funaanuu** *tv* pick things like grain from the ground with the fingers *buna isa gadi naqxe kana ha funaantu* Let her pick these coffee beans that she scattered about on the ground. 2 collect or gather, *usu* brushwood for fire *qoraan funaanti* She is collecting firewood. **funaana** *n* picking one by one; collecting firewood *buna/qoraan funaana deemte* She went to pick coffee/firewood. **funaannachuu** *tv* pick/collect for self *qoraan waan argattee funaannattee dhufte* She gathered whatever firewood she could find and came back. **funaansaa** *n* picking *yaroon buna funaansaa gawuuf* Coffee picking season is approaching. **funaansisuu** *tv* cause to pick or collect firewood *buna ofii isetii gadi naqxee ana funaansifte* After scattering the coffee beans about herself, she made me pick them.

**funfacha** Same as *fuunfacha* under *fuunfachuu*

**funfachiisuu** Same as *fuunfachiisuu* under *fuunfachuu*

**funfachuu** Same as *fuunfachuu*

**funfannaa** Same as *fuunfacha* under *fuunfachuu*

**funfatamuu** Same as *fuunfatmuu* under *fuunfachu*

**fungaa** *adj* (usu of a person whose nose is short) homely; not good looking but could be considered charming *niitii fungaa qaba* He has a homely wife.

**funnaan** Same as *funyaan*

**funtureessuu** *tv* frown at; not be on speaking terms

**funtur gochuu** Same as *funtureessuu*

**funuuna** See *funuunuu*

**funuunfamuu** See *funuunuu*

**funuunsuu** See *funuunuu*

**funuunuu** *iv* bleed from the nose *funyaan isaa darbee darbee ni/in*

*funuuna* His nose bleeds

occasionally. **funuuna** *n* nose bleed [epistaxi] **funuunfamuu** *tv* (passive) be bled **funuunsuu** *tv*

cause to bleed from the nose *funyaan isaa dhooftée funuunsite*

She/You hit him on the nose

and made his nose bleed. 2

distill liquor *araqee funuunsitee?*

Has/Have she/you distilled liquor?

**funxur gochuu** Same as *funtureessuu*

**funyaalessa** *n* sandal with a ring for the big toe

**funyaan** *n* 1 nose 2 spout of a coffee pot or chick-pea *funyaan jabanaa/shumburaa* spout of coffee pot/chick-pea 3 tongue or the head of a plow **funyaan arra** (takes *aarii*) *adv* be easily angered, or lose one's temper easily *aariin isaa/isee funyaan arra jira* He/She loses his/her temper easily **funyaan butuu** *iv* knit

one's eye brows/eyebrows at sb *funyaan natti butee na bira darbe*

He knitted his eyebrows at me

and passed. (lit pull the nose at)

See also *fuula guuruu* under *fuula*

**funyaan gindoo/gindii** a tongue of a plow **funyaanii fi afaan** *adv*

(of things) very close or near to

each other *mannii isaatii fi manni*

*koo funyaanii fi afaan* or *afaanii fi*

*funyaan* His house and mine are

very close or near to each other.

**funyaan qabachuu** *tv* abhor or hate very much (lit hold the nose

as when sth stinks) *jibba keessa*

*baatee funyaan isa qabatte* She has

hated him very much.

**funyaan erra** Same as *funyaan arra* under *funyaan*

**funya-qurqur** *adv* by force; against one's will

**funyoo** *n* cord or rope *funyoon kun*

*jabaa dha; hin citu* This rope is

strong; it doesn't break.

**fura** *n* kind of grass

**furaa** Same as *furtuu*

**furachuu** See *furuu*

**furamuu** See *furuu*

**furdaa** See *furdachuu*

**furdachuu** *iv* 1 be/ become

corpulent, chubby, fat, fleshy,

obese, plump, portly, pudgy,

rotund, or be/become stout; put

on weight *mucaan koo naa*

*furdateera* My child has become

plump. 2 (of voice, semi-solids

such as dough, soup, stew,

coffee, beer, etc) be/become

thick *mukii/aannan/wayyaan kun*

*ni/in furdate* This wood/milk/

cloth has become thick. **3**  
 be/become strong, i.e., have a  
 large proportion of the flavoring  
 element *bunni koo baay'ee furdade*  
 My coffee is too strong. **fufurdaa**  
 (modifies pl male or sth  
 considered male) *adj* fat, thick,  
 corpulent *muka fufurdaa lama naa*  
*fidi* Bring me two thick pieces of  
 wood **fufurdoo** (modifies pl  
 female) *dubartii fufurdoo baay'eetu*  
*asiin darbe* Many fat women  
 passed this way. **furdaa** *adj* (of  
 male animal/human) *adj* **1**  
 corpulent, chubby, fat, fleshy,  
 obese, plump, portly, pudgy,  
 rotund, or stout *gurbaa furdaa* a  
 fat boy **2** thick *sagalee furdaa*  
 thick voice *budeena furdaa* thick  
 bread **3** strong *farsoo/buna furdaa*  
 strong beer/coffee **furdifamuu**  
*tv* (passive) made thick, strong,  
 or rich *farsoon kun ni/in furdifame*  
 This beer is made thick. **furdina**  
*n* **1** corpulence, fatness, or  
 obesity *furdinaaf lafaa ka'uu*  
*daxxabe* He could not get up  
 easily because of his weight (too  
 heavy). **2** thickness **3** strength of  
 alcohol, coffee, tea, etc  
**furdisiisuu** *tv* cause sth to be  
 thick or strong *farsoon isee ni/in*  
*furdate; situ furdisiisee?* Her beer  
 is strong; did you tell her to  
 make it so thick? **furdissuu** *tv* **1**  
 cause to be thick or strong  
*bullukkoo kana maaliif akkana*  
*furdise?* Why did he make this  
 cotton blanket so thick? *buna*  
*kana baay'ee furdifte/furdiste*

You/She made this coffee too  
 strong **2** fatten *hoolaa furdisee*  
*gurgura* He fattens sheep and  
 sells them. **furdoo** *adj* (of female  
 humans/animals) fat or plump  
*dubartii/reettii furdoo* a fat  
 woman/she goat  
**furdifamuu** See *furdachuu*  
**furdina** See *furdachuu*  
**furdisiisuu** See *furdachuu*  
**furdissuu** See *furdachuu*  
**furdoo** See *furdachuu*  
**fureessuu** See *furraawuu*  
**furfura** See *furfuruu*  
**furfuraawuu** Same as *furfuruu*  
**furfuramuu** See *furfuruu*  
**furfursuu** See *furfuruu*  
**furfuruu** *iv* (usu applies to  
 humans) **1** swell, usu as a result  
 of some illness *maal ta'eetu*  
*akkana furfure?* His body is  
 swollen all over; what's the  
 matter with him? **2** (of rivers) *iv*  
 swell and overflow; swell up  
*roobni baayy'atee lagi kun furfure*  
 This river is full because of the  
 heavy rain. **furfura** *n* swelling;  
 overflowing **furfuramuu** *tv*  
 (passive) be swelled; be full of  
 water **furfursuu** *tv* cause to  
 swell *maaltu fuula kee akkana si*  
*furfurse?* What made your face  
 swell up like that?  
**furgaafachuu** See *furgaasuu*  
**furgaafamuu** See *furgaasuu*  
**furgaasaa** See *furgaasuu*  
**furgaasuu** *tv* **1** loosen or slip, i.e.,  
 let go from restraint *saree kana*  
*furgaasi* Slip the dog from his  
 leash. **2** pull the noose, i.e., a

loop with a running knot *morma isaatti furgaasan* They tightened the noose around his neck.  
**furgaafachuu** *tv* (usu used of animals held in leash) slip  
*sangaan funyoo furgaafate* The ox slipped his rope. **furgaafamuu** *tv* (passive) be loosened or slipped  
**furgaasaa** *n* slip-knot or a running knot *funyoo hin guduunfin; furgaasaa wayya*  
 Don't tie the rope in a firm knot; a slip-knot is better.

**furgoo** *n* car, carriage, or coach of a train

**furguggaawuu** *iv* slip and stagger  
*furguggaayee kufe* He slipped, staggered, and fell.

**furguggifamuu** *iv* stagger, reel, or whirl after a slip *tabba arraa furguggifame lafa dhaye* He staggered, came whirling down the slope, and fell to the ground.

**furguggee** See *furguggeessuu*  
**furguggeessuu** *tv* hurl or throw wooden missile (usu short sticks) at *murxuxxee natti*  
*furguggeesse* He hurled a wooden missile at me. **furguggee** *n* wooden missile, the function of which is similar to that of a boomerang except that this one cannot return to the thrower; see also *murxuxxee*

**furguggifamuu** See *furguggaawuu*

**furguggisoo** Same as *fududdisoo*

**furguggisuu** Same as *furguggeessuu*

**furii** Same as *furmaata*

**furma** Same as *guraandhala*

**furmaata** See *furuu*

**furnnoo** *n* European bread

**furraawuu** *iv* have excessive nasal discharge, mucus, phlegm, snot, or a runny nose *mucaan isee ni/in furraaye* Her child has become snotty. **furreessuu** *tv* cause to have excessive nasal discharge  
*utaalloon nama furreessa* A common cold makes one have excessive nasal discharge **furrii** *n* 1 mucus, nasal discharge, or snot; coryza 2 silk on ear of corn  
**furri baafachuu** *tv* clean one's nose by removing snot from the nose *gurbaa nana, furrii kee baafadhu* You boy, clean your nose/Take out the snot out of your nose. **furrooftuu** *adj* (of a person or animal) having too much mucus, nasal discharge, or phlegm; snotty; a person or animal with excessive runny nose

**furreessuu** See *furraawuu*

**furrii** See *furraawuu*

**furriibaafachuu** See *furraawuu*

**furriifuudhuu** Same as *furrii baafaachuu* under *furraawuu*

**furrisa** See *furrisuu*

**furrisuu** *tv* put stone or the like in a sling and throw it **furrisa** *n* sling, a device used for throwing stones and the like to a distance

**furroo** *n* animal disease, similar to a common cold, that makes them have excessive discharge from their noses

**furrooftuu** See *furraawuu*

**fursiisuu** See *furuu*

**furtuu** *n* key, i.e., a metal instrument shaped to fit into a lock and turn its bolt  
**furuu** *tv* 1 ease; relieve sb of sth  
*kottuu ba'aa kana na furi* Come and ease me of this heavy load or burden. *foolisoonni taraa dhaan wal furu.* The police on duty take turn and relieve each other. 2 loosen, i.e., make less tight  
*sabbata isee furatte* She loosened her girdle/belt. 3 change or transfer animals from one grazing spot to another (usu applies to grazing animals tethered to a fence, a peg, or a tree *gaangee furteettii?* Has she transferred the mule from one grazing spot to another?  
**furachuu** *iv, tv* 1 rest  
*kottuu xinnoo furadhu* Come and rest for a little while. 2 loosen or make less tight for oneself  
*sabbata isee furatteetti* She has loosened her girdle. **furamuu** *tv* (passive) 1 be relieved of sth  
*ba'aa isaa furameera* He has been relieved of his heavy load or burden. 2 (fig) be delivered of a child  
*gammadaa, furamteetti* Rejoice, she is delivered of a child safely. See also *ofkoluu* (1) **furii** *n* taking turns in doing sth so that one rests while the other works  
*dhakaa daakuu kana furii dhaan as fidne* We brought this millstone here by carrying it by turns. **furmaata** *n* solution, i.e., the act or the process of solving a problem  
*rakkoo saba keenyaatiif*

*ammayyuu furmaata hin arganne* We haven't yet found a solution to the problems of our society. **fursiisuu** *tv* cause to relieve sb from sth  
*ilma koo na fursiifte* She made my son relieve me.

**furuursa** See *furuursuu*  
**furuursisuu** See *furuursuu*  
**furuursuu** *iv, tv* 1 hurl or throw sth with all one's might  
*eeboo furuurse darbate* He threw the spear with all his might. 2 have diarrhea  
*garaa na furuursa* I have diarrhea. **furuuramuu** *tv* (passive) be thrown with force  
**furuursa** *n* 1 throwing with force 2 diarrhea **furuursisuu** *tv* cause to throw with force 2 cause to have diarrhea  
**furuxa** *n* trap or snare; see also *kiyyoo*  
**furxuuxee** *adj* (usu of a baby) plumb and cute  
**futee** Same as *munnee*  
**futtaafachiisuu** See *futta'uu*  
**futtaafachuu** See *futta'uu*  
**futtaafamuu** See *futta'uu*  
**futtaasa** See *futta'uu*  
**futtaasaa** Same as *futtaasee* under *futta'uu*  
**futtaasee** See *futta'uu*  
**futtaasisuu** See *futta'uu*  
**futtaasoo** Same as *futtaasee* under *futta'uu*  
**futtaasuu** See *futta'uu*  
**futta'uu** *iv* 1 (usu used of sth that possesses elastic quality) spring back  
*futtaaseen futta'ee fuula na rukute* The bow sprang back and hit me in the face. 2 (used of

what has been tied) be automatically and suddenly released; loosen suddenly *hidhaan sangaa futta'eera* The firm knot in the rope with which the ox was tied has loosened. 3 appear *aduun futtaate* The sun has risen. **futtaafachiisuu** *tv* cause to spring back **futtaafachuu** *tv* (usu used of tied animals or persons) slip, i.e., let go from a leash, shackles, etc., *sangaan funyoo futtafatee fiige* The ox slipped his rope and ran away. **futtaafamuu** *tv* (passive) be sprung back or be loosened **futtaasa** *n* letting go instantaneously **futtaasee** *n* bow, i.e., the material for shooting arrows **futtaasisuu** *tv* cause to shoot an arrow **futtaasuu** *tv* 1 shoot from a bow *futtaasee baay'ee futtaafne* We shot many arrows. 2 cause to spring back by releasing suddenly *jabeessi qabi; maa futtaasta/futtaafta?* Hold it firmly; why do you let spring back by releasing suddenly? **futtifachuu** *iv* (usu used of tethered animals) *iv* free a rope from the grip of the holder by pulling *sangaan na arkaa futtifatee fiige* The ox freed itself from my grip and ran away. **futtisee** *n* arrow **futtisuu** *tv* shoot an arrow *ani nama simbirrootti futtaasee futtisu hin jaal'u* I don't like a person who shoots an arrow at a bird.

**futteetti** *adv* instantaneously; at once; in the twinkling of an eye; suddenly *futteetti isa rukutee kuffise* He hit him suddenly and made him fall.

**futtifachuu** See *futta'uu*

**futtisaa** Same as *futtaasee* under *futta'uu*

**futtisee** See *futta'uu*

**futtisuu** See *futta'uu*

**futuruqsuu** See *futuruquu*

**futuruquu** *iv* slip or escape from one's grip *simbirroon na arkaa futuruqxe* The bird slipped out of my hand. **futuruqsuu** *tv* (applies to beans/peas from pods, chiggers, banana from peel/skin, etc.) squeeze sth out a narrow opening *muusii maaliif futuruqsite; maaliif hin quncifne?* Why did you/she squeeze the banana out of its skin instead of peeling it?

**futuruu** 1 Same as *danuu*; see also *baay'ee* 2 (usu of soil) fertile and rich *lafti kun futuruu dha; mindhaan hunda bigilcha* This soil is fertile; any kind of crop can be grown on it.

**fuu** (suffix; note: the final vowel of the word to which it is suffixed is always long) even for; for whatever or for whoever *isaafuu hintolle* Things didn't go well even for him *aannan mucaa dhaaffu hin jiru* There is no milk even for the baby. *maaliifuu ol ha kaa'atu si maaltu dhibe?* For whatever reason he saves it is

his business; what concern of yours is it?

**fuuchuu** Same as *fuudhuu*<sup>1</sup>

**fuudha** See *fuudhuu*<sup>2</sup>

**fuudhamuu** See *fuudhuu*

**fuudhuu**<sup>1</sup> *tv* 1 take, i.e., use with or without permission *eenyutu eeboo koo asii fuudhe?* Who took my spear from here? *birri shan na arkaa fuudhee isaa kenne* He took five birr from me and gave it to him. 2 take, i.e., accompany sb away from a place *ijoollee fuutee gabaa dhaqxe* She took the children with her to the market. 3 (usu in bargaining) accept or receive *hoolaa kanaa birri soddoma hin fudhattaa* Would you take thirty birr for this sheep? 4 remove; take sth off sth *awuu jaarsaa wajjin dubbattu, gonfoo kee mataa kee arraa fuudhi* When you talk to an elderly man, take off your hat. *arka kee jilba koo arraa fuudhi* Take your hand off my knee. 5 (takes *aara*) take rest *buna dhugee, aara fudhatee deeme* He drank coffee, rested, and left. 6 (takes *arka*) greet sb *arka atuu nan fuudhin na bira darbe* He passed by me without greeting me. **fudhachuu** *tv* 1 take or use for self *eeboo koo fudhate* He took my spear (for self) 2 accept, receive, or take *hoolaa kanaafi birri shantama in/ni fudhattaa* Would you accept fifty birr for this sheep? 3 (takes *aara*) take rest for self *taa'ee aara fudhate* He sat down and rested. 4 drop off; fall

asleep *eda irribi nan fudhanne (na hin fudhanne)* I didn't fall asleep last night. 5 drown *bishaantu isa fudhate* He drowned. See also *nyaachuu* (6) **fuudhamuu** *tv* (passive) be taken **fuutuu** *n* spirit believed to reduce the quantity of one's beer, dough, liquor, milk, etc., by taking it invisibly *fuutuutu bukoo koo fudhate* An invisible hand took and reduced the quantity of my dough. **rabbi/waaq namatti fuudhuu** *tv* (be in trouble caused by God) *rabbitu natti fuudhe; maal godhu laata?* I am in trouble (caused by God); what shall I do?

**fuudhuu**<sup>2</sup> *tv* marry, i.e., take as a wife *ilmi kee intala eenyuu fuudhe?* Whose daughter did your son marry? **fuudha** *n* (male) reach a marriageable age *ilmi isee fuudha gayeera* Her son has reached a marriageable age **fuudhamuu** *tv* (passive) 1 be taken 2 (of female) be taken as a wife **fuusisuu** *tv* cause to or make a man marry, usu by negotiating the right girl for him, by helping him in the wedding preparation, by helping him financially, etc., *angafa kootu na fuusisee* My elder brother helped me marry.

**fuula** *adv, n* 1 face *fuula isaa dhigiif* Wash his (the child's) face for him 2 countenance or expression *fuula isaa arrattan baree* I learned it from his expression. 3 in front of; in the presence of *fuula kee*

*durattan itti hima* I'll tell him in your very presence. **fuulaa fi fuulatti** *adv* openly, i.e., without hiding anything or without keeping any secret *fuulaa fi fuulattan itti hima* I'll tell him openly; see also (3) above **fuula agarsiisuu** *iv* be too close, familiar, or be intimate, i.e., to the point of losing respect *gurbaa kanatti fuula hin agarsiisin* Do not be too familiar with this boy (because familiarity breeds contempt). **fuula dhowwachuu** *tv* rebuff or snub, usu with an expression of disapproval shown by a negative attitude *liqii kadhannaan fuula na dhowwate* When I asked him for a loan of money, he rebuffed me. **fuula dura bu'uu** *iv* go/walk in front of *na fuul dura bu'i* Go/Walk in front of me. **fuula fuulaan kaawuu** *tv* categorize, classify, or put in order *barcuma fuula fuulaan kaayi* Put the chairs in some order (don't scatter them randomly). **fuula gur'aachessuu** *iv, tv* 1 make the face dark (perhaps by putting charcoal on) 2 be angry, usu show it by the expression on the face; have a long face *abbaan keenya fuula gur'aachesseeraa calisaa* We had better be quiet; our father is angry, and it can be seen on his face. **fuula guuruu** *iv* frown or knit one's brow *fuula natti guurte* She/You knitted her/your brow at me. **fuula ifuu**

*iv* 1 have a light complexion *fuula ifuu duwwaan miidhagina hin ta'u* Having a light complexion alone doesn't make one beautiful 2 be all smiles; be/feel happy *intala bareedduu tokko argatee fuulli isa ife* He found a beautiful girl and felt very happy. **fuula qabaachuu** *iv* be promising; have prospects usu used of business, crop, work, etc., *qonnaan koo barana fuula qaba* My crop is promising this year. See also *faara* (1) **fuula qabuu** *tv* aid, help, or assist a person with a job or task *hiryaa isaatu buna burwaa fuula qabeef* His friend helped him with the task of picking coffee. **fuullee** *adv* across from, opposite, or over yonder, i.e., on the other side of (facing one) *manni isaa fuullee kooti* His house is across from or opposite to that of mine, i.e., it is facing my house. See also *gama* (1) **fuuloo** *n* headstall, i.e., part of a bridle or halter

**fuuldura** *adv, n* 1 ahead of; in front of *na fuuldura teesse* She sat in front of me *na fuuldura manaa baye* He left home ahead of me. 2 first *fuuldura arka dhiqqu* First wash your hands. See also *dura* (1), which is more common, under *dur*

**fuulduratti** *adv* 1 in the future *fuulduratti hin irraanfatin* In the future, don't forget it. 2 in the presence of *isa fuulduratti waan dhoksaan qabatame hin dubbatin*.



Don't talk about something which is a secret in front of him.  
**fuulii** *n* boiled horse beans usu eaten with butter  
**fuullee** See *fuula*  
**fuuloo** See *fuula*  
**fuulquyyee** *adj* capricious, chameleon, conformist, fickle, i.e., of a person who agrees with in order to please and get favors  
**fuunca** *n* chain, i.e., metal rings connected to one another  
**fuunfachiisuu** See *fuunfachu*  
**fuunfachuu** *tv* scent, smell, or sniff at sth; sniff and nuzzle as some male mammals (e.g. bulls) do before copulating *sareen kun maal fuunfata?* What is this dog sniffing at? *mee fuunfadhu ilaali; ni/in urgaayaa?* Smell it and see; does it smell nice?  
**fuunfachiisuu** *tv* let sb smell *mee shittoo kee na fuunfachiisi* Let me smell your perfume (to see how good it is).  
**fuusisuu** See *fuudhuu*<sup>2</sup>  
**fuuttee** Same as *quuxxee*  
**fuutuu** See *fuudhuu*<sup>1</sup>

## g/G

**ga**<sup>1</sup> (expression) **1** be at it again, usu said of sth that happens repeatedly or of sb that habitually repeats actions, expresses feelings, behaves the same way, etc. to an excess  
*roobuu jalqabega* There, it's

raining again! *odutti ka'e ga!*  
 There, he started to gossip again! **2** indicates powerlessness and limitation *maal sii godhu ga ilmoo koo!* What can I do for you, my child? I'm also powerless! **3** used to express warning before an event occurs or the fulfillment of an event after warning *sitti hime ga!* So I warn you! *ani duruu sitti himeera ga!* So I had told you. **4** so let it + verb *ha dhaqanu ga* So let them go. **5** expresses confidence, daring, fearlessness, etc., *maal na godhu ga!* So what can they do to me! **6** then *maal barbaadda ga!* What do you want then!  
**ga**<sup>2</sup> short form of *gad/gadi*, for example, all the three forms have the same meaning: *gadi baasuu* (to take out side) or *gad baasuu* or *ga baasuu*  
**ga'aa** Same as *gayaa* under *gawuu*  
**gaabaa** **n 1** thorn-like barley stalk or shoot; barley or wheat stalk after the barley or wheat head is cut off **2** head of barley containing grain  
**gaabba** Same as *gaabbii* under *gaabbuu*  
**gaabbii** See *gaabbuu*  
**gaabbisiisuu** See *gaabbuu*  
**gaabbituu** See *gaabbuu*  
**gaabbuu** *iv* regret, i.e., be distressed or be sorry over lost opportunity or over an action taken or not taken *eega isatti eerumtee booda gaabbite* After she married him, she regretted. *tole,*

*hin gaabbin!* Fine, don't regret it later on! (said to a person who does not listen to advice or to a willful child) **gaabbii** *n* regret *gaabbii fardi hin qaqqabu* (proverb) Even a fast horse cannot turn back (from going forward) and run fast enough to catch up with regrets, i.e., no amount of regrets can redress a wrong.

**gaabbisiisuu** *tv* cause to regret *maa bitte jedhee na gaabbisiise* He made me regret my having bought it. **gaabbituu** *adj* of females who regret often

**gaabii** *n* home-made, cotton cloth, usu used as a blanket

**gaaca** Same as *golca*

**gaaca'uu** *iv* become senile or very old

**gaachana** *n* 1 shield, i.e., for protecting the body when fighting usu on a battlefield 2 two semicircle shields, placed one on top of the other, struck together like cymbals and played as a drum by two men who hold the shield at the bottom tightly while letting the upper one hit the lower shield repeatedly **arka gaachanaa** *adv* left side *awuu Buree dhuftu, laga Ooboo ceetee gara arka gaachanaatti yoo maqxee, mana Maammitee Margaa argita* When coming from Bure, when you cross Ooboo River and turn left, you will see Maammitee Margaa's house.

**gaachena** Same as *gaachana* (1)

**gaadaa** *n* kitchen or pantry; annex to a house *gaadaa keessa jirti* She is in the kitchen.

**gaadamuu** See *gaaduu*

**gaaddidduu** See *gaaddisuu*

**gaaddisa** See *gaaddisuu*

**gaaddisiisuu** See *gaaddisuu*

**gaaddisuu** *tv* shade, i.e., screen from light or heat *mucaa kanatti uffata itti gaaddisi* Shade the baby with clothes. **gaaddidduu** *n* 1 shadow, i.e., dark shape thrown on the ground, wall, etc., by sth or sb that cuts off light 2 a superstitious belief in which evil influence coming from human shadow or human presence harms onion crop, newly circumcised children, tobacco cake, hives, etc., *gaaddidduu dhaan shunkurtii koo arraa bayanii na duraa balleessani* They destroyed my onion crop by their baneful shadow. **gaaddisa** *n* 1 shade *gaaddisa mukaa jala teenyee aara galfanne* We rested in the shade (under a tree). *gaaddisa jala taa'anii muka hin jibban* (proverb) Anybody who has ever sat and rested under the shade of a tree cannot and will not hate a tree (In Oromo culture, it is a taboo to cut a big tree root and all; the Oromo people cut only a branch for construction purposes. If this excellent culture were respected by the Abyssinian occupiers of Oromiyaa, the country would not have been deforested.) 2

shadow **gaaddisiisuu** *tv* cause to shade

**gaadduu** See *gaaduu*

**gaadi'achuu** See *gaadi'uu*

**gaadi'ama** See *gaadi'uu*

**gaadi'amaa** See *gaadi'uu*

**gaadi'amuu** See *gaadi'uu*

**gaadidduu** Same as *gaaddidduu* under *gaaddisuu*

**gaadii** See *gaadi'uu*

**gaadi'oo** See *gaadi'uu*

**gaadisiisuu** See *gaadi'uu*

**gaadi'uu** *tv* hobble, leg rope, or tie, usu the hind legs of a cow while milking *sa'i tokko tokko yoo gaadi'an malee hin elmamtu* Some cows will not be milked unless leg roped. **gaadi'achuu** *tv* tie the hind legs of a cow for self **gaadi'ama** *n* a tie, i.e., anything that restricts freedom; restriction **gaadi'amaa** *adj* of male human who is tied down **gaadi'amuu** *tv* (passive) **1** be hobbled, leg roped, or tied while being milked *sa'i gaadi'amtee?* Is the cow hobbled? **2** be tied down *mucaan kun eega dhalatee asi nan gaadi'ame* Ever since this baby was born, I have been tied down. **gaadi'oo** *n* the hind legs of, usu cows **gaadii** *n* cord, leather, rope, strap, etc., for tying the hind legs of a cow while milking **gaadisiisuu** *tv* cause to hobble

**gaaduu** *tv* plot against or spy on, i.e., be or get after sb to do harm to *waan inni gochuu barbaadu hin/him beeku, garuu namichi tokko*

*na gaada* I don't know what he wants to do, but there is a man who stalks me. **gaadamuu** *tv* (passive) be plotted against; be spied on **gaadduu** *n* **1** plotter or spy, i.e., a person who is after sb to do harm to him/her **2**

(neologism) guerrilla fighter

**gaa'ela** Same as *gaa'ila*

**gaaf** Short form of *gaafa*<sup>1</sup> (**1**)

**gaafa**<sup>1</sup> *adv n*, *n* **1** day *gaafa tokko namooti keenya rakkina/iyyuma keessaa in/im bawu* Some day our people will be free from poverty. *gaafa akka har'aa yoo hin hojjannee yoom hojjanna?* If we do not work on a day like this, when do we work? *gaafa kam dufe?* On what day did he come? *gaafa jimaataa* On Friday. *gaafa hundumaa hin hojjata* He works all the time (every day). *ati gaafa sana eessa turte* Where were you on that day? **2** when; whenever *gaafa an si yaadu imimmaantu ija na guuta* When I think of you, I feel like crying *gaafa inni figichoo dhaan tokkoffaa bawu, abbaan isaa baay'ee gammada* Whenever he [his son] becomes first in a running race, his father becomes very happy. **gaafa bal'inaa** *adv* when there is peace and prosperity *gaafa bal'inaa hundinu fira* When there is peace and prosperity every one is one's good friend (but he/she deserts one when there is a calamity of some sort) **gaafa dhoofisaa** *adv* four days after wedding when a married

woman, usu in Arsi, starts *laguu* formally **gaafa farsoo** *adv* when there is plenty of beer *iryaan koo inni gaafa farsoo, na baqate gaafa rakkoo* The guy who was my best friend at the time when there is plenty to drink together, ran away from me at a time of misery and tribulations. **gaafa hallee** *adv* all the time *gaafa hallee dhufee na wajjin taphata* He comes and plays with me all the time. **gaafa rakkoo** *adv* when times are bad; hard times *yaa iriyaa gaafa farsoo, maa baddee gaaf rakkoo* You, good friend at a time when there is plenty to drink together, where are you now when the times are bad? **gaafas** *adv* that day *gaafas wajjin oolle* On that day, we spent the whole day together **gaafii gaaf** *adv* once in a while *gaafii gaaf ni/in dhufa* He comes once in a while.

**gaafa**<sup>2</sup> *n* horn *gaafa reettii maal itti godhu?* What can one use a goat's horn for? *gaafii gafarsaa waancaa ta'a* Cups can be made from buffalo horn. **gaafa micciirraa** *n* convoluted horn *gaafaan nama diranii eegeen nama hooksani* (Proverb) They gore with their horns and stroke with their tails (hurt and placate at the same time!)

**gaafa bal'inaa** See *gaafa*<sup>1</sup>

**gaafachaa** See *gaafachuu*

**gaafachiisuu** See *gaafachuu*

**gaafachuu** *tv* 1 ask/enquire

/inquire *maal si gaafatani?* What did they ask you? 2 visit a friend/relative who is ill *Gamtaan in/ni dhukkubsataa gaafatteettaa?* Gamta is ill, have you visited him? 3 ask after/enquire after one *fayyummaa kee gaafatteetti* She has asked after your health *namicha tokkotu ala ijaajjee si gaafata* Some one (standing outside) is inquiring after you. 4 propose marriage; pop the question *nama baay'eetu intala koo fuuchuu gaafate* Many men proposed marriage to my daughter. 5 invoke upon sb retributive justice of the deity *ijaajjitti si ha gaafatu* May the deity punish you even as you are alive. **gaafachaa** *n* paying a visit *gaafachaa deeman* They went to pay a visit. **gaafachiisuu** cause to visit, ask, etc., **gaafatamuu** *tv* (passive) be held responsible *du'a namichaatiif situ gaafatama* You will be held responsible for the death of the man. *cubbuu niitii keetti hojjatteef ni/in gaafatamta* You will be punished by (God) for sinning against your wife. *sangaa wayyaa koo nyaate kanaafeenyutu itti gaafatama?* Who will be responsible for this ox that ate my clothes? **gaaffii** *n* 1 question *gaaffii tokkon qaba* I have a question. 2 punishment, i.e., visitation *dhukkubi koo kun gaaffii maaliiti?* What visitation is this

illness of mine? **gaggaafachuu** *tv*  
ask or visit repeatedly *deddeebi'i*  
*na gaggaafadhu* Come often and  
visit me.

**gaafa dhoofisa** See *gaafa*<sup>1</sup>

**gaafa farsoo** See *gaafa*<sup>1</sup>

**gaafa halle** See *gaafa*<sup>1</sup>

**gaafa hundumaa** Same as *gaafa*  
*halle* under *gaafa*<sup>1</sup>

**gaafa micciirraa** See *gaafa*<sup>2</sup>

**gaafannaa** Same as *gaafachaa*  
under *gaafachuu*

**gaafa rakkoo** See *gaafa*<sup>1</sup>

**gaafas** See *gaafa*<sup>1</sup>

**gaafata** Same as *gaaffii* under  
*gaafachuu*

**gaafatamuu** See *gaafachuu*

**gaafee** *n* a cow with a big horn

**gaaffii** See *gaafachuu*

**gaaffii gaaf** See *gaafa*<sup>1</sup>

**gaafoo** *n* some part of (probably  
horn-like scale) a python's body  
believed to cause drought if left  
outside by some malicious/  
wicked person who wishes to  
harm a community this way  
*gaafoo dhaa iyyaa iyya dabarsaa*  
Yell and let yell until the culprit  
responsible for this drought is  
exposed!

**gaaf torboo** *n* a deer whose horns  
have seven branches

**gaaga'muu** See *gaaga'uu*

**gaaga'uu** *iv, tv* hurt (physically)  
an innocent person deliberately  
or accidentally; this *usu* happens  
when separating persons who  
are fighting *atuun gargar jara*  
*baasuutti jiruu inni tokko keessa na*  
*gaaga'e* While I was separating

the two fighting men, one of  
them hit me along with his  
opponent. *balleessaa ilmaatu abbaa*  
*gaaga'e* The misdeeds of the son  
resulted in the suffering of the  
father. **gaaga'muu** *iv* be hurt,  
*usu* while trying to separate two  
fighting persons *walittii gargar*  
*baasuu jettee giddutti gaaga'mte*  
You/She was hit while trying to  
separate two fighting persons.  
**gaagubbaa** *n* thick, local bread  
**gaagura** See *gaaguruu*  
**gaagurtuu** See *gaaguruu*  
**gaaguruu** *iv* (of bees) hive, i.e.,  
enter a hive *gaagura dhibba*  
*keessaa jaatama duwwaatu naa*  
*gaagure* Only 60% of my bee  
hives have been colonized,  
entered, or hived. **gaagura** *n* 1  
bee-hive *gaagura meeqatu galeef?*  
How many hives have been  
entered (by bees) for him/her?  
*barana gaagura meeqa buufate?*  
How many hives has he lowered  
from a tree and robbed or got  
honey from this year? *gaagura*  
*meeqa hidhe?* How many hives  
has he hung (on a tree)? 2 small  
granary made of reed, *usu* kept  
in a house **gaagurtuu** *n*  
apiculturist or bee-farmer; a  
maker of bee-hives  
**gaa'ila** *n* 1 puberty **gaa'ila gawuu**  
*iv* reach the age of puberty *ilmi*  
*koo gaa'ila gayeera; amma fuudhuu*  
*ni/in danda'a* My son has reached  
the age of puberty; he can marry  
now. 2 wedding  
**gaala** *n* camel/dromedary

**gaalamoota** Same as *gaallamoota*  
**gaalcha n 1** promising, prospect,  
 or outlook, i.e., the probable  
 result *qonnaan koo barana gaalcha*  
*hin qabu* My crop is not  
 promising this year. See also  
*faara*<sup>2</sup>. **2** attitude, disposition, or  
 inclination *gaalchi isaa natti hin*  
*tolle* I was not pleased with his  
 attitude or disposition.  
**gaalchaan** *adv* through gesture  
 or facial expression; through a  
 cue or a hint *akka ani hin*  
*dubbanne gaalchaan natti hime* He  
 tipped me the wink (by facial  
 expression) and in effect told me  
 not to speak.

**gaalchaan**<sup>1</sup> See *gaalcha*  
**gaalchaan**<sup>2</sup> *adv* properly;  
 successfully *cidi keenya gaalchaan*  
*darbe* Our ceremony /celebration  
 ended successfully.

**gaalchuu** *iv* (usu applies to one of  
 two colors that begins to  
 dominate) look more like;  
 resemble *sangaan kun daalacha*  
*ture; amma garuu gara adiitti*  
*gaalchuu jalqabe* This ox used to  
 be greyish, but now he has  
 begun to look more like white  
 than grey.

**gaalee n 1** Same as *gaachana 2*  
 Same as *hidda (2) 3* sideboards  
 or sideburns

**gaallamoota** *adj* adulterous or  
 immoral, usu in sexual matters

**gaama n** mane of a horse/mule

**gaamara** See *gaamaruu*

**gaamaraa** See *gaamaruu*

**gaamareessuu** See *gaamaruu*

**gaamarsuu** See *gaamaruu*

**gaamartuu** See *gaamaruu*

**gaamaruu** *iv 1* (of cereals, grass, or  
 plants) overgrow without  
 bearing seeds *garbuun koo barana*  
*ni/in gaamare* My barley has  
 overgrown (without seeds) this  
 year. **2** (usu of persons) be  
 advanced in age; be senior, or  
 very old **3** (usu of hair) be bushy  
 and be plenty **gaamara n**  
*seniority or old age* **gaamaraa** *adj*  
 (usu of a person) very old  
**gaamareessuu** *tv* cause hair to be  
 bushy *mataa isaa maaliif akkana*  
*gaamareesse*? Why has made his  
 hair so bushy? See also *guufessuu*  
 under *guufa'uu* **gaamarsuu** cause  
 to be old or overgrown  
**gaamartuu** *adj* (of female  
 humans) very old

**gaam'ee** Same as *gaammee*

**gaammaa** Same as *gaama*

**gaammee n 1** (usu of children's  
 hair) tonsure-like hair style or  
 hairdo **2** Same as *gaama*

**gaana kaasuu** *iv* (used of cows) be  
 in heat *sa'i koo gaana*  
*kaafteetti/kaasteetti* My cow is in  
 heat. See also *gaana qabuu*

**gaanamuu** See *gaana qabuu*

**gaana qabuu** *iv* (used of animals)  
 be in/on/at heat; be in estrus, or  
 be in rut *sa'i koo eega gaana qabdee*  
*ji'a lama* It has been two months  
 since my cow was in heat, i.e.,  
 became pregnant *sangaan kee*  
*gaana qabeera* Your bull is rutting.  
**gaanamuu** (of a cow) *tv*  
 (passive) be served or copulated

**gaandaa** *n* tray for coffee cups

**gaanfa** Same as *gaafa*<sup>2</sup>

**gaanfuree** *adj* (usu of male humans) bright, clever, intelligent, perspicacious, or sharp *ilma gaanfuree qabdi* She has a bright son.

**gaangee** *n* mule *gaangoliin eessa jiru?* Where are the mules?

**gaangoo** Same as *gaangee*

**gaanii** *n* a large jar in which beer or mead is brewed

**gaanjirii** *n* large bread

**gaansha'uu** Same as *gaamaruu* (1)

**gaansisuu** See *gaanuu*

**gaantiraa** Same as *gaattiraa*

**gaantuu** See *gaanuu*

**gaanuu** *tv* (of a bull) copulate;

mate with; serve a cow *korma isa kamtu sa'a kana gaane* Which bull

served this cow? **gaanamuu** (of a cow) *tv* (passive) be served or

copulated **gaansisuu** *tv* cause to

mate *korma fidaati sa'a kana gaansisaa ha rimooftu* Bring a bull

and have this cow served so that she can become pregnant.

**gaantuu** *adj* of a cow that is too much in heat, i.e., wants to be served often; see also *gaana*

*kaasuu* and *gaana qabuu*

**gaanxii** *n* strong grass for thatching

**gaanyii** Same as *lola* (1,2) under *loluu*

**gaara** *n* 1 higher up, i.e., relative to where one is; hill or mountain

*gaara baye* He went up. *gaara sana*

*taa'i* Sit up there. *uurrii uurrii*

*gaara yaabi* Mist oh mist, go up

the hill **gaaraa** *n* from mountain; from a higher place *gaaraa dhufe/gadi bu'e/gadi konkolaate* It came, fell, or it rolled down from up there or from the hill. 2 Same as *gaamara* under *gaamaruu*

**gaaraa** See *gaara*

**gaararraa** See *gaararraawuu*

**gaararraawuu** *iv* (usu applies to persons) be fickle, inconstant, or capricious, i.e., not firm in affection, behavior, opinion, or loyalty *namichi ni/in gaararraayaa isa hin amanin* Don't trust him; he is inconstant and fickle.

**gaararraa** *n* chameleon 2 (fig) a double-faced, fickle, or two-faced person

**gaarayyuu** Same as *sanyoo*

**gaarii** *adv*, *n* 1 (in greeting; when people meet) well, fine Speaker A: *akkam oolte, gaarii ooltee?* How are you, how was your day?

Speaker B: *gaarii dha* I am fine; it's fine. *gaarii ooltee/ooltanii*

Good afternoon/How was your day? *gaarii bultee/bultanii* Good morning/How was your night?

2 opportune moment; proper or right time *yaroo gaarii dhufte* You came at the right time. 3 (takes *bara*) fine or splendid age *bara gaarii dhalate* He was born in a

fine age. 4 comfortably *akka gaariitti jiraata* He lives

comfortably. **gaaritti** (expression used when people depart) good

bye *gaaritti* Good bye. *gaaritti ooli/oolaa* Have a good/nice day.

*gaaritti buli/bulaa* Good night.

**gaaritti** See *gaarii*  
**gaaromsuu** See *gaarmomuu*  
**gaaromuu** *iv* be nice; be good and kind **gaaromsuu** *tv* cause to be nice, good, and kind **gaarummaa** *n* goodness; kindness; well-being  
**gaarree** *adj* of black cattle with white blaze/patch on the forehead; a horse with white blaze/patch on the forehead  
**gaarreffachuu** *tv* (usu applies to cattle) become belligerent or bellicose; be ready or pose for a fight *sangooti sun wal gaarreeffatu* Those oxen are posing or are about to fight. **gaarreffata** *n* posing readying one self for a fight  
**gaarreffata** See *gaarreeffachuu*  
**gaarshiree** *n* prison; see also *mana hidhaa*  
**gaarummaa** See *gaaromsuu*  
**gaasaraa** *n* hay, i.e., fodder for animals  
**gaasawuu** *tv* (of hair) be disheveled, due to old age  
**gaasha** Same as *gaalcha*  
**gaasisuu** *tv* tantalize *waan na gurshu fakkaatee na gaasise* He tantalized me with the food.  
**gaasuwee** Same as *gemmao*  
**gaatiraa** Same as *gaattiraa*  
**gaattiraa** *n* 1 a kind of tree, probably juniper 2 pole (gallows)  
**gaawaa** Same as *qaawwaa* (2)  
**gaawoo** *n* tall grass, usu used for building a wall

**gaawwaa** *n* 1 forest or jungle 2 a large jar or a large *okkotee* (1)  
*uuroo gaawwaa* a large jar  
**gaayyaa** *n* hookah, hubble-bubble, narghile, or tobacco pipe  
**gaayyoo** *n* 1 heavy, torrential rain 2 a pile of weed or dirt assembled in one place in a farm  
**gabaa** *n* 1 market *har'i gabaa dha* Today is a market day. *gabaa deeme* He went shopping/to the market. *gabaa wixataa, gabaa bal'oo, gabaa arbii, gabaa kamisaa, gabaa jimaataa, gabaa ayyaan duraa, gabaa ayyaan guddaa* Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday market 2 buyers and sellers at a market place or those going to or returning from an open market place or ground *gabaan yaatetti* Market goers have gathered in the open market place. *gabaan galuutti jirti* The market goers are returning home. 3 demand *bunni har'a gabaa hin qabu*. There is no demand for coffee today. 4 (fig) many, multitude *nama amma gabaa fayyaatu asiin darbe* Many people passed this way. **gabaa baasuu** *tv* 1 put sth on the market *boqqolloo asheetii gabaa baasaniiru* They have put fresh corn on the market. 2 (fig) reveal a secret; make public *hanna isaa gabaa baafteetti* She has revealed his theft. **gabaa bawuu** *iv* 1 go to the market *har'a gabaa baateettii?* Has she gone to the market



today? 2 be on the market  
*dammii kaleessa gabaa hin baane*  
 Honey was not on the market  
 yesterday. 3 (fig) be scandalized  
 or be the talk of the town *maqaan*  
*koo gabaa bayeera* My reputation  
 has been made the talk of the  
 town. **gabaan beekuu** *tv* be  
 made public or become public,  
 i.e., be known to everyone rather  
 than being kept secret *kun waan*  
*dhoksaa miti; gabaatu beeka* This is  
 not a secret; everyone knows it.

**gabaabaa** See *gabaabbachuu*

**gabaa baasuu** See *gabaa*

**gabaabaatti** See *gabaabbachuu*

**gabaa bawuu** See *gabaa*

**gabaabbacha** Same as *gabaabina*  
 under *gabaabbachuu*

**gabaabbachuu** *iv* be/ become  
 short *kittaan koo ni/in gabaabbate*  
 My shirt is too short. *waanti ati*  
*katabdee kun in/ni gabaabbate*  
 What you have written is too  
 short. **gabaabaa** *adj* (of male  
 humans, animals or things  
 spoken of as male) short  
*gurbaa/muka gabaabaa* a short  
 boy/short wood **gabaabaatti** *n*  
 in short; in summary; in  
 conclusion *gabaabaatti, sabni tokko*  
*afaan ofii dagaagfachuuf yoo hin*  
*tattaafannee eenyutu tattaaffataaf?*  
 In short, if a certain society does  
 not struggle to develop its own  
 language, who would do it for  
 it? **gabaabduu** *adj* (of animals,  
 persons, or things) short  
*gurbaa/intala gabaabduu* a short  
 boy/girl **gabaabina** *n* shortness

*gabaabina isaa jibbeen itti eerumuu*  
*dide* I refused to marry him  
 because of his shortness.

**gabaabsuu** *tv* shorten (height,  
 length, or discourse) *dubbii kee*  
*gabaabsi* Be brief. *kittaa koo na*  
*duraa gabaabse* He made my shirt  
 too short. **gaggabaabaa** *adj* (of  
 male animals, humans, or things  
 considered male; pl) short *muka*  
*gaggabaabaa* short trees/short  
 pieces of wood **gaggabaabduu**  
*adj* (usu of female humans,  
 animals, and things considered  
 female; modifies pl) short *ijoollee*  
*gaggabaabduu* Short children  
**gaggabaabsuu** *tv* shorten things  
*muka utubaa san gaggabaabsi*  
 Shorten each of those wood  
 pillars. **miilla gabaabbachuu** *iv*  
 (fig) miss, usu a meal by arriving  
 a little too late *nuwii nyaata fixe*  
*dhufte; miilla gabaabbatte* Hard  
 luck, we've just finished eating;  
 you arrived a little too late.

**gabaabduu** See *gabaabbachuu*  
**gabaabee** a variety of sorghum;  
 see also *boobee*

**gabaabina** See *gabaabbachuu*

**gabaabsuu** See *gabaabbachuu*

**gabaan beekuu** See *gabaa*

**gabaasaa** See *gabaasuu*

**gabaasuu** *tv* write a report  
**gabaasaa** *n* report

**gabalamaa** See *gabalamuu*

**gabalamuu** *iv* be hungry; see also  
*jeeja'uu gabalamaa* *adj* (of male  
 humans or animals) hungry

**gabaalcha** Same as *agiboo*

**gabanaa** *n* one's intimate, personal, or private affairs  
*gabanaa isaa bakkee baasuu hin barbaadu* I don't/He doesn't want to make his personal problem public.  
**gabara** *n* women's underwear  
**gabarii** *n* lining, i.e., layer of material added to the inside of clothes  
**gabaroo** *n* commoner; plebian  
**gabataa** Same as *gabatee*  
**gabatee** *n* 1 large or small wooden dinning basin/tray **gabatee lolla'uu** *tv* eat everything on the tray and leave not even a morsel of food on it 2 (neologism) a chart of facts and figures  
**gabatee boolee** *n* trough from which domestic animals eat or drink  
**gabatee lolla'uu** See *gabatee*  
**gabbaa** *n* anything (e.g., a tree, a stone, a structure, etc.,) that serves as a goal post for a kind of hockey game  
**gabbaarii** See *gabbaruu*  
**gabbaarummaa** See *gabbaruu*  
**gabbaasuu** Same as *gad baasuu* under *gad*  
**gabbachiisuu** Same as *gabbisuu* under *gabbachuu*  
**gabbachuu** *iv* (applies to humans, and sometimes to animals) put flesh and become healthy after getting proper diet and care  
*haadha isee bira teessee gabbattee deebite* After staying in her mother's house, she returned to her own family having put on

flesh and looking healthy (daughters give birth in their parents' house where they are looked after until they and their babies become strong). *gabbadhu* Bless you! (usu said to a baby immediately after it has burped)  
**gabbataa** *adj* (usu of male humans) fat or stout in a pleasant way **gabbattuu** *adj* (usu of female humans) fat and plumb in a pleasant way  
**gabbifachuu** *cause* to be plumb for self *mucaa isee gabbifatteetti* She has made her child look healthy and plumb. **gabbina** *n* fatness or plumpness  
**gabbisiisuu** *tv* cause sb to make sb else fat and plumb through proper nourishment **gabbisuu** (usu applies to animals) fatten  
*sangaa isaa gabbisee gurgure* He fattened his ox and sold it. See also *furdisuu*  
**gabbara** *n* bride-price, i.e., cash or goods paid to the parents of a bride (by a bridegroom or his parents)  
**gabbarachuu** *tv* coax or wheedle for self *abbaa manaa isee gabbarattee qamisii haaraa bichisiifatte* She wheedled her husband into buying her a new dress **gabbarsuu** *n* fawning  
*gabbarsuu baayy'isa* He indulges in fawning.  
**gabbarsiisuu** See *gabbaruu*  
**gabbarsuu** See *gabbarachuu*  
**gabbaruu** *iv, tv* 1 submit oneself to; submit to or surrender *ni/in*

*gabbarta* *moo ni/in nakkarta?* Do you want to challenge or to surrender? **2** pay tax or tribute in cash or kind *abbaa lafaatii tumaamessa gabbarra turre* We used to give fatted sheep to land-lords as a tribute. **3** coax/wheedle *ha boowuu isa hin gabbarin* Let him [child] cry; do not coax him. **gabbaarii** *n* tenant, i.e., a person who pays tax for the use of land; serf in a state of feudal servitude **gabbaarummaa** *n* tenancy; oppression or slavery *gabbaarummaan amma badutti wal'aansoo hin dhiifnu* We will never stop struggling until oppression of man by man ceases. **gabbarsiisuu** *tv 1* force sb into submission or force sb to surrender *diina keenya moonee gabbarsiifnee dhufne* We defeated our enemies, made them surrender, and came back. **gibra** *n* tax paid, usu by tenants **gabbataa** See *gabbachuu* **gabbattuu** See *gabbachuu* **gabbawuu** Same as *gad bawuu* under *gad* **gabbifachuu** See *gabbachuu* **gabbina** See *gabbachuu* **gabbisaa** *n* a kind of plant the leaves of which poison animals that eat them **gabbisiisuu** See *gabbachuu* **gabbisuu** See *gabbachuu* **gab gochuu** *tv 1* content sb, i.e., do sth to one's heart's content; gratify or satisfy *akka inni*

*yaadetti hojjadheefiin garaa isaa gab godhe* I did it for him to his heart's content. **2** silence or cause sb to be quiet *gabin isa godhe* I silenced him **gab jechuu** *iv* be content; be gratified or satisfied *diina koo ajjeeseen garaan koo gab jedhe* I killed my enemy to my heart's content. **2** be silent; be quiet *mucaan gab jedheera* The baby has become quiet (after a bout of crying). **gabra** Same as *garba*<sup>1</sup> **gabricha** Same as *garbicha* under *garba*<sup>1</sup> **gabriltii** Same as *garbittii* under *garba*<sup>1</sup> **gabroomsuu** See *garboomuu* **gabroomuu** See *garboomuu* **gabrumsaa** Same as *garbummaa* under *garba*<sup>1</sup> **gachii** *n* a large jar **gachisiisuu** See *gatu* **gad** *adv 1* down (the hill, mountain, stairs, etc.), i.e., toward the lower part of a place; down town *gad buute* She went downtown. *gadi hin jenne dugdaafuu; diina gabbaruu hin didnu humnaafuu* (couplet indicating grievance) We can't bend down because of backache; we can't refuse to pay tribute to an enemy because of his power. **2** below *jilbaa gad(i)* below the knee **3** except *isaa gad(i) jarri kaan hin dhufne* Except him the others did not show up **4** lower than sb in authority, position, or rank;

younger in age; inferior to *namaa*  
*gad ta'uun du'a* It's worse than  
death to be inferior to others.

**gad aruu** *tv* 1 clean, usu floor  
*mana gad ari* Clean the house. 2  
empty *gombisaa gad artee gurgurte*  
She emptied the granary of its  
contents and sold them. **gad**

**bawuu** *iv* 1 come out or go out  
(from inside) *amma gad baye (ga*  
*baye)* He has gone out just now.

**gad baasuu** *tv* take outside  
*hoolaa gadi(ga) baasi* Take the  
sheep outside. 2 cause to have  
frequent bowel movement or  
diarrhea *kaleessa garaa gad(ga) na*  
*baase* Yesterday I had diarrhea.

**gad(ga) buusuu** *tv* lower, i.e.,  
take sth down *ulee koo sana mana*  
*arraa gad(ga) naa buusi* Lower

down that stick on the roof for  
me. **gad(ga) bu'uu** *iv* 1 alight,  
climb down, dismount, get  
down, get off *farda arraa gad(ga)*  
*bu'ee na dhungate* He got off the  
horse and kissed me (greeted  
me). 2 be demoted or dismissed

*dura taa'aan qabalee keenyaa*  
*gad(ga) buu'eera* Our community  
leader (chairman) has been  
demoted. **gadbayaa** *n* ritual  
performed by an infected

person after being discharged  
from quarantine **gad(ga) cabsuu**  
*tv* lower, mark down, or reduce  
in price *gatii sangaa isaa gad(ga)*  
*cabsee gurgure* He marked down  
(e.g., from 2000 to 1500 birr) his  
ox and sold it. **gad(ga) ciisuu** *iv*  
lie down *ga ciisii aara galfadhu* Lie

down and rest. **gad(ga) deebii**  
*adj* (curse word for humans or  
animals) retrogressive; worthless  
*namicha gad deebii tokkotu na*

*arrabse* One worthless man called  
me names. **gad(ga) deebisuu** *tv*  
1 chase back to lower place *sa'a*  
*gad(ga) deebisi* Chase or turn the  
cattle to the lower, fixed grazing  
place. 2 close/shut a door or  
leave it ajar *balbala gad(ga) deebisi*  
Close the door or leave it ajar. 3  
(of illness, adverse conditions,  
etc.) weaken *dhukkubatu akkana*  
*isa gad(ga) deebise* It is a disease  
that has weakened him so much.

**gad(ga) deebituu** Same as *gad*  
*deebii* above **gad deemuu** *iv* 1 go  
down *amma gad deemee eegi; ni/in*  
*dhufa* He just went down; wait  
for him, he will come. 2 (usu  
applies to children) refuse to  
grow; retrogress *jamaa, mucaan*  
*guddachuu dhiisee gad deemaa*  
*jarana!* People, instead of  
growing, this child retrogresses!  
**gad/ga fageessuu** *tv* 1 make a  
hole deeper *boolla isa sana gad(ga)*  
*fageessi qoti* Make that hole  
deeper still. 2 throw far away  
*huuba kana fageessi gati* Throw  
this refuse/rubbish

/garbage far away. **gad galii**  
**/gad galoo** Same as *gad deebii*  
above **gad guddachuu** Same as  
*gad deemuu* (2) **gad ha'uu** *tv*  
throw out; throw sth to a lower  
place **gad jechuu** *iv* bend or  
lower the body, head, etc.  
*gad(ga) jedhii jala darbi* Lower

your body and pass under it.

**gad lakkisuu** Same as *gadhiisuu*

**gad lixuu** *iv* set, i.e., sun *aduun*

*gad(ga)lixxe* The sun has set. **gad**

**naa bayaa/gad naa bayi**

(expression) come out, let's slug

it out, i.e., let's fight to the end

until one of us submits **gad**

**naquu** *tv* (used of grain, liquid,

powder) spill or throw away

unwanted liquid *bishaan kana*

*gad(ga) naqii kan biraa naa fidi*

Throw away this water, and

bring me another. *sogiddaa*

*gad(ga) naqxee* She spilled the

salt. **gad qabuu** *tv* 1 bend down

sth, usu plants; hold and look at

or observe carefully *buna kana*

*gad(ga) qabii arraa buwi* Bend

down this coffee tree and then

pick off the berries. *gadi qabanii*

*yoo ilaalani, tafkkiin ija qabdi*

(saying) If one observes

carefully, one finds out that a

flea has eyes. [importance of

observation] 2 lower, usu voice

*sagalee kee gad(ga) qabii dubbadhu*

Speak softly or speak with low

voice. 3 keep sth secret *dubbii*

*kana gad(ga) qabi* Keep this

matter secret. 4 Same as

*kummunsuu* under *kumunuu* **gad**

**qotuu** *tv* 1 Same as *gad fageessuu*

above 2 inquire or research sth

carefully *gadi qotii isa gaafadhu*

Ask him all the details (until you

get to the bottom of the matter).

**gad taa'uu** *iv* sit down, usu

emphatic *mucaa nana gad(ga) taa'i*

You child, sit down. Some make

this even more emphatic by

adding "*fagaaraan*" *mucaa nana*

*fagaaraan gad(ga) taa'i* You child,

sit down with your buttocks.

**gad xeenuu** *iv* speak nonsense;

talk gibberish *gad(ga) xeenaa*

*ooltee amma manaa baate* She just

left after talking gibberish all

day. **gad yaasuu** *tv* (usu applies

to cattle in a pen) let sth/sb out

*mooraa banii sa'a gad(ga) yaasi*

Open the pen and let the cattle

out.

**gadaa** *n* a system of democratic

government based on age-

grading; election takes place

every eight years and transfer of

power is enviably smooth and

peaceful

**gadaada** *n* milking utensil, i.e., a

vessel in which milk is milked;

see also *okolee*

**gadaamecha** Same as *gadameessa*

**gadaameessa** Same as *gadameessa*

**gadaameessi goguu** Same as

*gadameessi goguu* under

*gadameessa*

**gadaannisa** Same as *godaannisa*

**gadaansa** Same as *barruu*

**gadaantummaa** *n* (neologism)

inferiority

**gadabii** *n* 1 conclusion, end, or

limit *dubbiin kun gadabii hin*

*qabuuyii?* Is there no limit to this

discussion? 2 conditions or

terms *gadabii maaliitiin itti*

*eerumte?* What are the conditions

of her marriage contract? 3 a

cow that kicks when it is about

to be milked

**gadadama** See *gadadamuu*  
**gadadamaa** See *gadadamuu*  
**gadadamsuu** See *gadadamuu*  
**gadadamtuu** See *gadadamuu*  
**gadadamuu** *iv* become miserable or wretched, usu from lack of material requirements such as food, clothing, and/or money  
*nyaata gaarii dhabee gadadame* He became miserable from lack of proper diet. **gadadama** *n* poverty, wretchedness, and misery *gadadama jaal'atanii harkaan ofitti hin fidanu* Nobody willingly invites poverty to come. **gadadamaa** *adj* (of male humans) indigent, needy, or wretched *obboleessi isaa*  
*gadadamaa dha* His brother is indigent. **gadadamsuu** *tv* cause to be wretched **gadadamtuu** *adj* (of persons) indigent, needy, or wretched *obboleettiin isaa*  
*gadadamtuu dha* His sister is wretched and poor. **gadadoo** *n* misery, indigence, or wretchedness *gadadoo keessaa bawuu daxxabe* He is unable to free himself of misery.  
**gadadoo** See *gadadamuu*  
**gadafee** *n* a mixture of grass and earth usu used for building enclosure/pen for cattle  
**gadameessa** *n* womb **gada-meessi goguu** *iv* stop giving birth for good (lit because the womb has dried); reach menopause age  
**gadamooggii** *adj* 1 (usu of a person whose mental age is much lower

than his/her chronological age) doltish, dull, or stupid *gurbaan gadamooggiin kun humtuu hin galuuf* This stupid boy can't understand anything. 2 senile; very old person 3 in *gadaa* system of democratic government, a man between the age of 72 and 80 years of age  
**gadamsa** *n* a large deer whose horns have branches; probably koodoo or kudu  
**gadarba** *n* married woman  
**gadarreessa** *adj* (usu of persons) strong  
**gadda** See *gadduu*  
**gaddii** *n* luck **gaddii kooti** It is my luck. *inni gaddii hin qabu* He has no luck.  
**gaddisiisuu** See *gadduu*  
**gadduu** *iv* be depressed, disappointed, distressed, sad or be sorry; grieve or mourn *du'a iryaa isaa dhagayee baay'ee gadde* He was very distressed when he heard the death of his best friend. *du'a abbaa isee gadditi* She is mourning the death of her father. **gadda** *n* grief, mourning, or sorrow *eega haati isaa duutee asi gadda dhiisee hin/him beeku* He has been in deep mourning ever since his mother passed away.  
**gaddisiisuu** *tv* depress, disappoint, distress, or sadden *namichi rakkataan kun na gaddisiisa* I feel sorry for this poor man.  
**gadee** Same as *irraan gadee*  
**gadhaa** Same as *garaa*

**gadhaawuu** *iv* be put to shame by doing either an ignoble act or by being overcome physically by a person considered to be inferior  
*atuu hin/him beekin gabaa keessatti gadhaaye* He was put to shame while he was in the market (e.g., by urinating on himself in a drunken state). **gadhee** *adj* 1 bad, evil, sinister, terrible, wicked  
*nama gadhee* a wicked/ bad person  
*ajaa gadhee* a bad smell  
*mataa bowwuu gadhee* a terrible headache  
 2 of poor quality  
*mana gadhee ijaare* He built a poor quality house  
**gadheessuu** *tv* put to shame  
*namichi tuffatamtuun kun cuubee dhaan na gadheessite* This despicable man put me to shame by stabbing me with a dagger!  
**gadhe faan** an expression of encouragement used when egging on sb  
*gadhe faan mee si arkaa ha bawu!* Make sure that it won't slip out of your hand.  
*gadhe faan mee si ha moowu!* Make sure that he won't beat (defeat) you!  
**gadhummaa** *n* gullibility  
*gadhummaa keetiif sitti taphatu* They take advantage of you because of your gullibility.  
**gadhaba** Same as *guuboo bishaanii*  
**gadhafaa** See *gadhafuu*  
**gadhafuu** *tv* (usu used of coffee tree) begin to blossom or flower, i.e., begin to bear fruit  
*bunni gadhafaera* The coffee trees have begun to bear fruit.  
**gadhafaa** *adj* (usu of flowers from trees) fallen and scattered

**gadhawa** Same as *chikaala*  
**gadhee** See *gadhaawuu*  
**gadheessuu** See *gadhaawuu*  
**gadhe faan** See *gadhaawuu*  
**gadhiisaa** See *gadhiisuu*  
**gadhiisuu** *iv, tv* 1 let sb/sth go free or release  
*simbirrottii ni/in gadhiifte?* Did you free the bird?  
 2 divorce  
*haadha manaa isaa gadhiiseera* He has divorced his wife.  
 3 give way to/make way for sb/sth; yield  
*harree dhaaf karaa gadhiisi* Make way for the donkey.  
 4 leave a place, a residence, etc.,  
*mana isa duraa gadhiisanii kan biraatti galan* They left their former house and moved into another one.  
 5 (of clothes, color, dirt, or stain) wash, i.e., undergo washing without fading; wash out, i.e., be cleaned or be removed by washing  
*qalamiin kittaa kanaa in/ni gadhiise* The color of this shirt washed out.  
 6 (fig) urinate or defecate  
*mucaan siree irratti fincaan gadhiise* The child wetted his bed.  
 7 burst into tears, a loud cry, etc.,  
*akkuma leenca argiteen iyya itti gadhiifte* She burst into a loud cry as soon as she saw a lion.  
 8 burst, i.e., come forth, emerge, or arrive suddenly and in full force  
*bokkaan gadhiiseera* It rained suddenly and in full force.  
 9 set on, instigate or urge to attack, i.e., usu unleash a dog  
*saree natti gadhiisani* They set their dog on me.  
 10 put/send/

turn animals to graze *sa'a*  
*gadhiisaa* Put the cows to graze.  
*gadhoomuu* Same as *gadhaawuu*  
*gadhummaa* See *gadhaawuu*  
*gadi* Same as *gad*  
*gadii* Same as *gad deebii* under *gad*  
*gadoo* *n* vengeance; revenge; eye  
 for an eye; blood for blood  
*gadoo baafachuu* *tv* revenge;  
 retaliate *obboleessa* *koo ajjeessee hin*  
*jiraatu*; *gadoon baafadha* He won't  
 live after killing my brother. I  
 will take my revenge (by killing)  
 him.

*gadoochuu* See *gadooduu*  
*gadoodaa* See *gadooduu*  
*gadoodduu* See *gadooduu*  
*gadooduu* *iv* 1 (usu used of a  
 cow) be restless, low or moo  
 incessantly *sa'attiin kun jabbii*  
*xinnoo ijaa manaa qabduuf akkana*  
*gadooddi* This cow moos so  
 incessantly because she has a  
 new born calf at home. 2 (fig)  
 cry, shout, or yell incessantly  
*mucaan kun maaliif akkana*  
*gadooda?* Why does this child cry  
 incessantly? *amma ani akkana*  
*gadoodde si waame eessa turte?*  
 Where were you when I called  
 you at the top of my voice?  
*gadoochuu* *tv* cause to scream or  
 shout *baddee na gadoochifte* You  
 made me yell and call you by  
 disappearing. *maa sa'a kana*  
*akkana godoochifti?* Why does she  
 make the cattle moo so much?  
*gadoodaa* *adj* (of male humans)  
 boisterous *gadoodduu* (of  
 persons) boisterous

*gadoomsa* See *gadoomuu*  
*gadoomsuu* See *gadoomuu*  
*gadoomuu* *iv* be circumcised  
*gadoomsa* *n* circumcision  
*gadoomsuu* *tv* circumcise; see  
 also *dhana qabuu* under *dhanna*  
*gaduleessa* *n* black termite; see also  
*rimma* under *rimmaawuu*  
 (N.B. *rimma* is white but this one  
 is black)  
*gadura* *adv* never  
*gafandoollaa* *adj* (of wood that  
 has been cut improperly)  
 misshapen or distorted  
*gafara* *n* fodder for animals  
*gafaree* *n* human hair; see also  
*rifeensa*  
*gafarsa* *n* buffalo  
*gaffaa* *adj* ( of land) fallow  
*gagaa* *n* 1 bee wax 2 honey comb  
 without much honey in it  
*gagal'aanuu* Same as *golom'suu*  
*gagam gochuu* *tv* 1 catch or seize  
 suddenly and unexpectedly  
*hattuu gagam godhanii qabani*  
 They caught the thief unawares.  
 2 gulp down or gobble food  
*gagam godhee liqimse* He gulped  
 his food.  
*gagawoo* *n* a large bird that  
 snatches baby lamb, puppy, etc.,  
*gaggaafachuu* See *gaafachuu*  
*gaggaba* See *gaggabuu*  
*gaggabaa* See *gaggabuu*  
*gaggabaabaa* See *gabaabbachuu*  
*gaggabaabduu* See *gabaabbachuu*  
*gaggabaabsuu* See *gabaabbachuu*  
*gaggabdoo* See *gaggabuu*  
*gaggabduu* See *gaggabuu*  
*gaggabsaa* See *gaggabuu*



**gaggabsuu** See *gaggabuu*

**gaggabuu** *iv* 1 have an excruciating pain after being hit; tingle *dhagaan quba miilla isaa dhoofnaan gaggabe* His body tingled after he had stubbed his toe against a stone. 2 cry to the point of breathlessness; laugh or be in fits *awuu inni waan gaafasi ta'ee nutti himee, kolfaan gaggabne* When he told us what had happenend to him the previous day, we were in fits. *mucaan koo booyichaan gaggabe* My child cried to the point of breathlessness. 3 show great fervor for work and show greed for food, etc., *hojii dhaaf gaggaba* He shows great fervor for work. *iseen nyaataaf baay'ee hin gaggabdu* She is not gluttonous. *sa'i koo margatti gaggabde* My cow ate the grass greedily. *awuu inni duulaa deebi'e haati isaa isa aammattee itti gaggabde* When he returned from the war, his mother embraced him with rapture. 4 faint, i.e., lose consciousness due to illness, weakness, fear, or extreme happiness *maal ta'ee gaggabe?* Why has he fainted? **gaggaba** *n* 1 excitement *natti fiigdee gaggaba na dhungatte* She ran to me and kissed me with excitement. 2 faintness or fits **gaggabaa** *adj* (of male humans/animals) zealous for work; greedy *namicha gaggabaa* a zealous or greedy man **gaggabdoo** *n* faint, i.e., loss

of consciousness *gaggabdootu isa qabe* He went off in faint.

**gaggabduu** *adj* (of persons) greedy; zealous for work *sa'a gaggabduu* a greedy cow **gaggabsaa** *n* 1 frenzy, i.e., wild excitement accompaied by haste/impatience *amma buddeenni qophaawutti gaggabsaa maaliitu sitti dhufe?* Why are you in such a frenzy of impatience? Can't you wait until bread is ready? 2 tares, i.e., undesirable hardy wheat or barley that is believed to poison or make people unconscious, if eaten **gaggabsuu** *tv* cause sb/sth have an excruciating pain by hitting him/her real hard *qimmiiddaa dhaan na gaggabsite* She pinched me so hard that I cried with pain to the point of becoming breathless.

**gaggalaanuu** *iv* stagger *daa'imni dura gaggalaanee adeemuu jalqaba* A baby staggers before it walks.

**gaggeessuu** Same as *geggeessuu*  
**gagoo** *n* vulture

**gahee** *n* share *gahee koo naa kenni* Give me my share. See also *qooda* (1) under *qooduu*

**ga'iftuu** See *ga'isuu*

**ga'isa** See *ga'isuu*

**ga'isaa** See *ga'isuu*

**ga'isuu** *iv* deride, jest, mock, play joke or poke fun; scoff *namatti ga'isa* He mocks at people.  
**ga'iftuu** *adj* (usu females) jocular  
*niitii ga'iftuu* a jocular woman  
**ga'isa** *n* joke or mockery *dubbiin*

*kun ga'isa miti* This matter is not a joke; it is serious. *ga'isa dhiisii dhuguma eerumtee?*

Joking/Jesting apart, did she really get married? **ga'isaa** *adj* of males jocular *namicha ga'isaa* a jocular man

**gajafa** See *gajafuu*

**gajafa lallabuu** *iv* speak loudly

**gajafuu** *iv* (applies to someone who has psychic powers) **1** move the body *usu* from side to side **2** Same as *dallanuu* **gajafa** *n* **1** moving the body from side to side **2** Same as *dallansuu* under *dallanuu*

**gajamoo** *adj*, *n* **1** Same as *gajara* **2** uncircumcised girl/woman

**gajara** *n* a heavy knife-like tool *usu* with sharp edge on one side used for cutting branches, bush, stalk, etc.; bush knife

**gajjallaa** *adv* down, i.e., relative to sth *fardi mana gajjallaa dheedutti jira* The horse is grazing down here, down meaning relative to where the house is.

**gala** See *galuu*

**galaa** See *galaasuu*

**galaafacha** Same as *galaafata* under *galaafachuu*<sup>1</sup>

**galaafachiisuu** See *galaasuu*

**galaafachuu**<sup>1</sup> **1** *tv* murder, *usu* heartlessly and then rejoice over it *diina koo galaafadheen dhufe* I murdered my enemy and came, and now I am happy about it. **2** ruin sb by stealing all his/her property, by false accusation, etc., *abbaan koo sangaa isaa*

*barbaadee dhabee*, "oo *abbaa koo*, oo *abbaa koo hattuu* na *galaaftee laata?*" jedhe After failing to find his ox, my father said, "Oh dear, I am ruined! A thief must have stolen it!" **galaafata** *n* murder; ruin *waliin mormiin gadheen akkanaa wal galaafata fida* This kind of acrimonious argument may result in murder.

**galaafatamuu** *tv* (passive) be murdered; be ruined

**galaafachuu**<sup>2</sup> See *galaasuu*

**galaafannaa** Same as *glaafata* under *galaafachuu*<sup>1</sup>

**galaafata** See *galaafachuu*<sup>1</sup>

**galaafatamuu** See *galaafachuu*<sup>1</sup>

**galaalcha** See *galaalchuu*

**galaalchisuu** See *galaalchuu*  
**galaalchuu** *iv* linger; delay departure *asi baay'een galaalche* I lingered here too long. **galaalcha** *n* delay **galaalchisuu** *tv* cause to linger/delay

**galaaloo** *adj* of a sheep with a white head *hoolaa galaaloo* a sheep whose head is white

**galaana** *n* **1** sea *bishaan yaa'ee yaa'ee galaanatti gala* Rivers flow and flow, and eventually they end up in the sea. **2** flood or rising of a river

**galaasuu** *tv* **1** provision sb with supplies for an expedition, journey, etc., *haati manaa kee maal sii galaafte?* What did your wife provision you with? *bassoo naa galaafte* She provisioned me with a buttered paste of roasted barley flour. *birri kudhan naa*

*galaase* He gave me ten birri for a provision. **2** (fig) curse or bless when making a will before dying *eebba/abaarsa naa galaasee du'e* He cursed/blessed me before dying. **galaa n** provisions for a voyage *galaan koo na duraa dhumeera* I have run out of my provisions. **galaafachiisuu** *tv* cause to take provisions with him/her *kana hunda iseetu na galaafachiise malee ani hin feenenture* Although I didn't want to, she made me carry all these provisions. **galaafachuu** *tv* provision oneself for a voyage *birri dhibba galaafatee deeme* He provisioned himself with one hundred birri and left.

**galabaa n** bran or chaff

**galabii** Same as *daalee goffee*

**galada'a** See *galada'uu*

**galadoo** *adv* manner of cutting the nails *qeensa isee galadoo qoratte* She cut her nail short.

**galagalchaa** Same as *garagalchaa* under *garagaluu*

**galagalchituu** Same as *garagalchituu* under *garagaluu*

**galagalchuu** Same as *garagalchuu* under *garagaluu*

**galagalshuu** Same as *galagalchuu*

**galagaluu** Same as *garagaluu*

**galala** Ssee *galaluu*

**galalchuu** Same as *galaluu*

**galalee** Same as *qalqala* under *qalqaluu*

**galaluu** *tv* shake off soil from uprooted grass and throw it to the edge of a newly plowed land

*qonnaa keessaa marga galalan* They removed grass from the cultivated plot of land **galala n** grass

**galataa** See *galateeffachuu*

**galata dhabuu** See *galateeffachuu*

**galata qabaachuu** See *galateeffachuu*

**galateeffachuu** *tv* thank sb for sth *gargaarsa keetiif sin galateeffadha* I thank you for your help **galata n** gratitude **galata dhabuu** *iv* **1** be recompensed with ingratitude *ojjatee ojjatee galata dhabe* He was recompensed with ingratitude for all the good things he had done. **2** (jussive use only; cynical remark and impolite) No, thank you, I do not need your advice, help, etc. *Galata dhabi nan gargaarin* (implied "you" is singular) No, thank you. I don't need your help. **galata dhabaa** (the implied "you" is plural) *galata dhabaa nan gorsinaa (na hin gorsinaa)* No, thanks, I don't need your advice. **galatoomaa** (expression used with pl/honorific) *Galatoomaa* Thank you **galatoomi** (expression used with sing) **galatoomi** Thank you **galata qabaachuu** *iv* (negative use) be thankless *hedduun isa gargaare; namichi garuu galata hin qabu* I helped him a lot, but the man is thankless. *hojii galataa hin qabne* a thankless drudgery, i.e., not apt to be appreciated

**galbii n** eaves

**galchaa** See *galfachuu*

**galcha malee dubbachuu** *iv* talk and talk without getting any response or reaction from the listener; waste one's words  
**galchii** See *galchuu*  
**galchituu** *n* maid of honor  
**galchuu** See *galuu*  
**galda'uu** *iv* 1 sprawl, i.e., sit or lie with limbs relaxed; see also *dilga'uu* (2) 2 jump like a lion or a leopard **galda'a** *n* sprawling or jumping like a lion or a leopard  
**galee** See *galuu*  
**galfachuu** *tv* 1 offer in connection with the fulfillment of a vow *wareega galfatte* She made a votive offering 2 show maturity in one's attitude, thinking, etc., *akka durii miti; ammaaf yaada galfateera* He is now maturer than what he used to be. 3 bring in *wayyaa kee ol galfadhu* Bring in your clothes. 4 harvest *inni boqqolloo baay'ee galfate* He harvested a great deal of corn. 5 (takes *aara*) rest *teenyee aara galfanne* We sat down and rested. **galchaa** *n* 1 money or goods entrusted to sb for buying sth or for safe-keeping *yoo gabaa dhaqxe galchaa sitti kennadhuu?* If you are going to the market, may I entrust some money to you for buying me something? *galchaa na duraa nyaate* He pocketed the money I entrusted to him for buying me something. 2 votive-offering *horii galchaa* votive-money

**galfata** Same as *galchaa* under *galfachuu*  
**galgala** See *galgalaawuu*  
**galgalaawuu** *iv* become evening *galgalaayeeraa horii ol galchaa* It is getting dark; bring in the domestic animals. **galgala** *n* 1 eveninging 2 (fig) eve of life *galgalli kee ha tolu* May you have a happy, prosperous eve of life. **galgala galgala** *adv* (indicates repetitiveness/frequency of occurrence/action during the evening time) every evening *ani galgala galgala horiin galcha; dhufuu hin danda'u* Every evening, I bring in the domestic animals, so I cannot come. **galgaleeffachuu** *iv* wait until evening sets in *galgaleeffatee deeme* He waited until evening set in and left.  
**galgaleeffachuu** See *galgalaawuu*  
**galgaleessuu** Same as *galgaleeffachuu* under *galgalaawuu*  
**galii** See *galuu*  
**gallaqqisuu** Same as *gadhiisuu*  
**galma** See *galuu*  
**galmaammuu** *n* (applies to bread baked on one side on a griddle) dark or brown crust on the side of bread in contact with a griddle  
**galmee** See *galuu*  
**galmeeffachuu** See *galuu*  
**galmeessuu** See *galuu*  
**galmoosuu** *tv* build a house in such a way that it doesn't leak; prevent from leaking *mana hin*

*galmoomsin* Don't make the house leak  
**galoo** Same as *lolaa* under *lola'uu*  
**galshuu** Same as *galchuu*  
**galta'uu** *iv* be uncouth, uncultured, or be uneducated or unrefined **galtuu** *adj* (of persons) uncouth, uncultured, uneducated or unrefined  
**galuu** *iv, tv* **1** enter, get in *ol gali* Get in **2** settle, i.e., move to a city, country, or town, etc., usu to live there permanently *Mattuutti gale* He has moved to Mattuu and settled there **3** (applies to bees) hive, i.e., enter and settle in a hive *kanniisi gaagura shanitti galeera* Bees have entered and settled in five hives. **4** return from a journey, place, etc., *gabaa dhaa galteettii?* Has she returned from the market? **5** (passive only) be returned after being lent, rented, etc.,; be found *gaangeen kee sii galtee?* Is your mule returned to you (after being lost, rented, etc.,)? **6** comprehend, understand *waanti inni jedhe naa hin galle* I didn't understand what he said. **7** enlist or join *wattaaddara gale* He joined the army. *mana barnootaa gale* He has started or entered school. **8** set in or start *arfaasaan /bonni gale* The rainy / dry season has set in. **9** (usu epidemic diseases) break out or erupt *golfaan galeera* Typhus has broken out. **10** (of the sun) set *aduun galte* The sun has set. **11**

cover, reach, or arrive at a place *har'a Goreetti gallee bulla* Today we will reach Gore and stay over night there. **12** be satiated / gratified *kajeellaan foonii ammaaf na arraa galeera* My craving for meat is gratified / satiated for now. **13** (usu of passions) cool down / off, or exercise self-control *ani amma akka durii miti; quufni na arraa galeera* I am not the rash, over-indulgent man I used to be; now I have cooled down. **14** use, i.e., employ for a purpose *kana hin barbaadu; maalitti naa gala?* I don't want this; what purpose does it serve? **15** fit or suit *kittaan kun natti hin galu* This shirt won't fit me. **gala** *n* arrival *gala abbaa keetii eegeen itti sii hima!* I will wait for the arrival of your father and tell him what you have done! **galcha** *n* (usu applies to what has been borrowed) return *ergifachuu malee galcha hin beektu* She doesn't know to return; she only knows to borrow. **galchii** *n* (usu in soccer / football game) goal *galchii lamaan moone* We won by two goals. **galchuu** *tv* **1** bring sth in / cause to enter; show sb in *maaliif ala ijaajja; ol galchi* Why is he standing outside? Show him in. *wayyaa ol galchitee?* Has she brought in the laundry, i.e., laundered clothes *sa'a galchaa* Bring in the cattle (from the grazing field). **2** return sth borrowed *eeboo kee sii galcheeraa?*

Has he returned your spear? 3  
 garner in/up, i.e., gather or  
 harvest grain and store it, usu in  
 a granary *abbaan manaa koo*  
*barana boqqolloo gombisaa digdama*  
*naa galche* My husband  
 harvested twenty granaries of  
 corn for me this year. 4 clarify,  
 explain, or cause to understand  
*beekee dubbii namaa hin galchu* He  
 doesn't know how to clarify a  
 point. 5 make a votive-offering  
*wareega isee galchite* She has  
 made her votive offering. 6  
 cause to enlist, join, or start  
*obboleessa kootu wattaaddara na*  
*galche* My brother was the one  
 who helped me join the army. 7  
 cause to cool down/off *gurbaa*  
*quufaa kana albaasii arraa galchi*  
 Beat this unruly boy real good  
 until you force him to cool  
 down. **galee** *n* (pejorative) a  
 person or dog that abandons  
 his/her home and lives with  
 another family **galfachuu** *tv* let  
 sb/sth in for self; harvest  
*boqqolloo gombisaa digdama galfate*  
 He harvested twenty granaries of  
 corn. **galii** *n* (of a hive in which  
 bees have entered and settled)  
 occupied or colonized, so to  
 speak, by bees *gaagura galii meeqa*  
*qabda?* How many colonized  
 hives do you have? **galma** *n* 1  
 hall; dwelling/  
 lodging *galma argattee?* Have  
 you/Has she found a lodging?  
*galmi kee eessa?* Where is your  
 place of residence? 2 a

place/hall of worship;  
 traditional, Oromo church where  
 the *qaalluu* lives, worships, and  
 receives his congregation  
**galmee** *n* 1 register, i.e., a book  
 in which records of events, facts,  
 names, etc., are kept 2 dictionary  
**galmeeffachuu** *tv* register  
 events, facts, names, etc., for self  
**galmeessuu** *tv* register or record  
 events, facts, names in a register  
**gama** *adv*, *n* 1 across from;  
 opposite, or over yonder *gama*  
*sana mana shantu jira* There are  
 five houses over yonder. *gama*  
*taa'i* Sit over there, i.e., opposite  
 to me. 2 share *kun gama keetii*  
*fudhu* This is your share; take it.  
 3 mane of a horse, mule, etc.; see  
 also *gaama* **gamaa** *fi* **gamana** *adv*  
 across from each other; front to  
 front *manii keenya gamaa fi*  
*gamana* Our houses are opposite  
 to each other.

**gamaa**<sup>1</sup> *adv* from over yonder  
*gamaa dhufe* He came from over  
 yonder.

**gamaa**<sup>2</sup> See **gamuu** <sup>1</sup>

**gamaa** **gamana** Same as *gamaa fi*  
*gamana* under *gama*

**gamaaluu** *iv* walk with  
 unbalanced gait, usu like some  
 tall persons do *namichi dheeraan*  
*kun ni/in gaamala* This tall man  
 walks ponderously.

**gamaluu** *tv* confine animals, usu  
 cattle, within a grazing area by  
 driving them back whenever  
 they stray *sa'oota sana asi gamali*

Drive those stray cows back here  
to their grazing confines/ area.

**gamana** *adv* this side of, i.e., on  
this side of a bridge, river, street,  
etc., *nuyi warri gamanaa qonnaa*  
*jaal'anna, warri gamasi garuu sa'a*  
*horsisuu jaal'atu* Those of us who  
are on this side (of the river) like  
to farm, but those who are on  
the other side, opposite to us,  
love to breed cattle.

**gamasi** Same as **gama**

**gambaallee** *n* leggings or puttee

**gambalaa** Same as *balbala* (1)

**gambeela** *n* a kind of tree related  
to sycamore/sycomore, *usu*  
found in hot, lowlands

**gameelcha** Same as *agiboo*

**gameessa** *adj* (of male) wise

**gameettii** *adj* (of female) wise

**gam gochuu** Same as *gagam*  
*gochuu*

**gamisa** See *gamisuu*

**gamisiisuu** See *gamisuu*

**gamisuu** *tv* make sth half *arraa*  
*gamisii naa kenni* Give me half of  
it. **gamisa** *n* half *gamisa naa*

*kennetee isa hafee ofii fudhate*. He  
gave me half and took the rest.

**gamisiisuu** *tv* cause to divide  
into half

**gammachiisuu** See *gammaduu*

**gammachuu** See *gammaduu*

**gammaduu** *iv* be delighted,  
elated, exhilarated, glad, happy,  
pleased or be thrilled; rejoice  
*har'a baay'ee gammadeera* I am  
very happy today. *baga*  
*gammadde/gammaddan*

Congratulations! **gammachiisuu**

*tv* make sb happy *kaleessa baay'ee*  
*isee gammachiiste/gammachiifte*  
You made her very happy  
yesterday. **gammachuu** *n*  
happiness or joy *gammachuu*  
*dhaan lafaa utaale* He jumped of  
joy.

**gammoo** *adv* afternoon

**gammoojjii** *n* lowland; hot

(tropical) region *barana*

*gammoojjii buunee jirbii qonna*

This year we will go to the low,  
hot region and grow cotton.

**gamna** See *gamnoomuu*

**gamnoomuu** *iv* 1 be cunning or

shrewd, i.e., be skillful in

deception or mischief *natti*

*gamnoomte* She/You was/were

too cunning and smart for me. 2

beome cleverer or smarter *amma*

*gamnoomeera akka durii gowwaa*

*miti* He has become smarter

now, he is not as naïve as he

used to be **gamna** *adj* clever,

cunning, smart, or tricky *inni*

*gamna baay'ee dhaa isa hin*

*amaninaa* He is very cunning; do

not trust him too much.

**gamnummaa** *n* cleverness,

cunning, or trickery *gaaf hunda*

*gamnummaa duwwaa dhaan waan*

*barbaade argata itti fakkaata* He

thinks he can get whatever he

wants by trickery alone.

**gamnummaa** See *gamnoomuu*

**gamoo** *n* 1 Same as *fooqii* (2) 2 wall

**gamsiiftuu** Same as *gamsiistuu*

under *gamsiisuu*

**gamsiisaa** See *gamsiisuu*

**gamsiistuu** See *gamsiisuu*

**gamsiisuu** *tv* pester, plague, or trouble persistently *kadhataan nuu gamsisse* Beggars are plaguing us. **gamsiisaa** *adj, n* (male) persistent and troublesome *dhukkuba gamsiisaatu na qabate* I have contacted a persistently troublesome disease. **gamsiistuu** (female) *adj* persistently troublesome; impossible *niitii gamsiistuu fuudhe* He married a difficult and troublesome woman.

**gamtaa** See *gamtaawuu*  
**gamtaawuu** *iv* be organized and united for a common goal or purpose *qotee/qonnaan bulaan gamtaayeera* The farmers are organized and united. **gamtaa** *n* 1 organization and unity *qonnaan/qotee bulaan gamtaa qaba.* The farmers have unity *atiyoo sarbaa hin qabduu maaliin lafa dhiitta? atiyoo gamtaa hin qabduu maaliin diina diigda?* You don't have strong calves/feet, so with what are you going to kick the ground? You don't have unity, so how are you going to demolish or scatter your enemy? 2 plot, usu to defeat an organized enemy **gamteessa** *n* unifying **gamteessuu** *tv* organize or unite people *isatu nu gamteesse* He was the one who organized and united us.

**gamteessa** See *gamtaawuu*  
**gamteessuu** See *gamtaawuu*

**gantummaa** Same as *gamtaa* under *gamtaawuu*

**gamuu**<sup>1</sup> *iv* 1 be attached to; bark at a lot *intalli kun abbaatti gamti* This girl is attached to her father. *sareen kee mucaa kootti game* Your dog barked at my child non stop. 2 eat or drink eagerly *akkuma qonnaa hiikameen sangaan margaatti game* The ox started to graze hungrily as soon as he was unyoked **gamaa** *adj* militant

**gamuu**<sup>2</sup> *iv* 1 become exhausted or tired *hojii irra ooleen naa gamte* Having worked all day, I am exhausted. 2 (of health, usu due to old age, poverty, etc.,) be about to die; become weak and frail; fail *jaarsa kanaa gamteettiif* This old man is about to die; his health is failing.

**gana** See *ganuu*

**ganaa**<sup>1</sup> Same as *barruu*

**ganaa**<sup>2</sup> *adv* not yet

**ganaaluu** Same as *biddiiquu*

**ganama** See *ganameeffachuu*

**ganamee** *n* cooperative work done in the morning

**ganameeffachuu** *iv* wait (for self) until morning sets in

*ganameeffadhuu kottu* Come when the morning sets in. **ganama** *n* morning *ganama alkan/suubii /shuubii ganama manaa baye* He left early in the morning. *bor ganma dhufa* He will come tomorrow in the morning. *ganama suubii/shuubii, or ganama alkan deema* He will leave/go early in the morning. **ganama**



**ganama** *adv* (indicates repetitiveness/frequency of occurrence/action during the morning time) every morning  
ani ganama ganama sa'an elma I milk cows every morning.

**ganameessuu** Same as

*ganameeffachuu*

**ganamuu** See *ganuu*

**ganda** *n* 1 neighborhood or vicinity *leencii ganda kana jiraa*

*sa'a hin dagatinaa* There is a lion in this vicinity; don't forget to watch/guard the cattle. 2

village, i.e., the smallest unit of an administrative region

**gandummaa** (neologism)

favoritism based on region

**gandaa gamee** Same as *kajeeltuu*

**gandaawuu** *tv* (used of cattle) be afflicted with sleeping sickness

or trypanosomiasis *sa'attiin kun*

*gandoofteetti* This cow is afflicted with trypanosomiasis. **gandii** *n*

sleeping sickness or

trypanosomiasis.

**ganda raasa** Same as *agadaa* (1)

**gandhaaluu** *iv* stagger while walking

**gandii** See *gandaawuu*

**gandummaa** See *ganda*

**gangalacha** Same as *gangalata* under *gangalachuu*

**gangalachiisuu** See *gangalachuu*

**gangalachuu** *iv* roll, i.e., turn about in dust while lying down

as donkeys, horses, etc., do

*harreen yoo siree arra kaayani*

*daaraa arra gangalitti* (proverb) If

put on a bed, a donkey still rolls

over and over in the ash. (people who don't deserve respect)

**gangalachiisuu** *tv* cause to roll over and over *barmeelii bishaan guuteen gangalachiisa* I will fill the barrel with water and make it

roll **gangalata** *n* rolling *harreen daaraa arra gangalata jaal'atti* Donkeys love rolling on ashes.

**gangalchaa** *n* porridge rolled into a ball *mucaan marqaa gangalchaa tokko fixe* The child finished a ball of porridge.

**gangalchiisuu** *tv* cause to roll into a ball **gangalchuu** *tv* 1 cause to roll *barmeelii gangalchi malee baachuu hin dandeessu* Roll the barrel; you can't carry it. 2 roll into a ball, *usu* applies to thick porridge *marqaa gangalchitee xebbee arra keessee naa kennite* She rolled the porridge, put it on the plate and gave it to me.

**gangalannaa** Same as *gangalata* under *gangalachuu*

**gangalata** See *gangalachuu*

**gangalchaa** See *gangalachuu*

**gangalchiisuu** See *gangalachuu*

**gangalchuu** See *gangalachuu*

**ganna** *n* 1 rainy or wet season (from about mid-May to August)

2 year *ganna tokko nu bira taa'ee deeme* He stayed with us for one year and left/or for one rainy season; see *waggaa* which is not as ambiguous as this one.

**gannee** Same as *gennee*

**gannoo** *n* 1 Same as *gennee* 2 crops of short growing-period, *usu* not exceeding three months; crops

that grow better only in wet season, not in summer **3** Same as *arfaasa*

**gansiisuu** See *ganuu*

**gantuu** See *ganuu*

**ganuu** *tv* betray, desert, or turn one's coat or become traitor *ani nan du'a malee saba koo hin ganu* I would rather die than betray my people. **gana** *n* betrayal; breach of promise **gansiisuu** *tv* cause to betray / desert *rakkoo keessa jirti jettee biyya koo nan (na hin)* **gansiisin** Don't try to make me betray my country just because she is in difficult circumstances. **gantuu** *n* betrayer, traitor, or turncoat

**ganyaa** See *ganyaaawuu*

**ganyaaawuu** *iv* **1** (usu applies to mules and horses) become unsuitable for riding other than for packing **ganyaa** *adj, n* pack horse or pack mule *farda ganyaa* packhorse **2** mare, i.e., an adult female horse

**ga'oo** Same as *ga'isa* under *ga'isuu*

**gar** *n* times *gar lama/sadii/afur...* twice, three/four times... *gar shan dhufeen manaa si dhabe* I came about five times, but I could not find you at home. **gar tokkee** *n* half (50%) share of property *sa'a gar tokkee qaba* He is fifty percent owner of the cow. *qonnaan kun gar tokkee kooti* Half of this farm is mine. *buddeena gar tokkee naa kennite* She gave me half of the bread.

**gara** *adv, n, prep* **1** towards, i.e., in the direction of *gara bitaatti gori* Turn to the left. **2** share *gara koo naa kenni* Give me my share. **3** side, i.e., one of two groups or parties of people who are opposed in games, politics, war, etc. *ati gara keenya moo gara jaraati?* Are you on our side or on theirs? **4** course or turn sth may take; trend *ani gara dubbii kanaa hin/him beeku* I do not know what turn this matter may take. **5** as for me; as far as I am concerned *gara koo rakkoon hin jiru* As for me, there will be no problem. **gara biraa** *n* a different one; another *kophee gara biraa naa biti* Buy me a different/another pair of shoes. **gara dhabuu** *iv* be intricate *dubbiin kun gara dhabeera* This matter has become intricate. **garagara** *adj* different; not the same *garbuunii fi qamadiin garagara* Barley and wheat are different. **gara godhachuu** *iv* take shape *dubbiin kun amma gara godhateera* This matter has now gradually taken shape. **gara qabuu** *iv* be promising *dubbiin kun gara qabaa?* Is this matter promising? **gara kam** *adv* where; which way *gara kam jira?* Where is it? *gara kam gore?* Which way did he turn? **garam** *adv* where *garam jira?* Where is it? See also *gara kam* above **gara malee/gar malee** *adv* abnormally or unusually, i.e., not right and

proper *gar malee nyaatee*  
*dhukkubsate* He ate too much and  
 became ill. *gara malee na rukute*  
 He hit me abnormally. *jechi kee*  
*gar malee dha* What you have just  
 said is not right and proper.  
**garamii** *adv* from where *garamii*  
*dhufe?* From where did he come?  
**garamiin** *adv* which way  
*garamiin dhufe?* Which way did  
 he come? **garana** *adv* 1 to/  
 on this side; somewhere here  
*garana jira* He/It is somewhere  
 here. *garana ciisi* Sleep on this  
 side (of the bed) 2 somewhere  
 there. *garana gayeen deebi'a* I will  
 go somewhere there and come  
 back. **garanaa** *adv* from  
 somewhere here/there *garanaa*  
*dhufe* He came from somewhere  
 there. **gara kanaan** *adv* from this  
 side *gara kanaan ceyi* Cross over  
 from this side. **garanaan** Same as  
*gara kanaan* above? **gara sanaan**  
*adv* from that side *gara sanaan*  
*ceyi* Cross over from that side.  
**grasi** *adv* there *garasi deeme* He  
 went there. *garasi jira* It's over  
 there. **garasii** *adv* from there  
*garasii dhufe* He came from there  
**garee** *n* 1 share *garee koo naa*  
*kenni* Give me my share (see also  
*gara* (2) above). 2 group on one  
 side supporting each other  
 against the opposite side **gargar**  
*adv* apart *uuroon kun gargar cabe*  
 This jar is broken apart. *foon*  
*gargar hirmanne* We divided the  
 meat among/between us. **gargar**  
**baasuu** *tv* 1 (usu of things joined

together) detach from,  
 dismantle, pull apart, or take  
 apart *faanosii gargar baasee*  
*qulqulleesse* He dismantled the  
 lantern and cleaned it. 2 separate  
*isatu haadha manaatii fi abbaa*  
*manaa gargar baase* He is the one  
 who is the cause for the  
 separation of the wife and the  
 husband. *ijoollee wal loltu sana*  
*gargar baasi* Separate those  
 children who are fighting.  
**gargar bawuu** *iv* be separated;  
 be divorced *gargar bayaaniiru*  
 They are separated/divorced  
**gargar qabuu** *tv* (usu of persons  
 that are fighting) *ijoolleen kun wal*  
*ajjeesuu gargar qabi* Separate  
 these children that are fighting;  
 otherwise, they will kill each  
 other (see also *gargar baasuu*  
 above). **garmalee** Same as *gara*  
*malee* above **garri** *pron* part of  
*namootni keenya garri caalanu*  
*qonnaa dhaan jiraatu* The majority  
 of our people make a living by  
 farming. *hojiin keenya garri*  
*baay'een dhumeera* Most part of  
 our work is finished.  
**garaa**<sup>1</sup> *n* 1 abdomen, belly,  
 stomach, or tummy *garaa na*  
*dhukkuba* I have stomach ache. 2  
 confidant or confidante, i.e., one  
 to whom secrets or private  
 matters are confided; love *hunda*  
*garaa hin godhatin* Do not confide  
 to everybody **garaa arraa**  
**fudhachuu** *iv* do sth with ardor  
 or enthusiasm *garaa arraa*  
*fudhatee hojjate* He worked with

enthusiasm. **garaa baasa** *n* 1 (applies to both human and animal pregnancy) abortion; miscarriage 2 diarrhea 3 Same as *huffaa* **garaa bal'achuu** *iv* be tolerant **garaa bal'ifachuu** *iv* be calm, patient, or tolerant *daftee hin aarin*; *garaa bal'ifadhu* Don't lose your temper quickly or easily; be tolerant. **garaa ciniinnaa** *n* colic; see also *ciniinuu* (2) **garaa dhaa dhabuu** *iv* be indifferent **garaa dhaan** + verb (e.g., **hojjachuu**, **sirbuu**, **waaqa kadhachuu**, **nama jaal'achuu** ...work, dance, pray, love people, etc.) do sth with ardor, enthusiasm, fervor, or verve *garaa dhaan hojjatu* They work with ardor. **garaa dhaa qabaachuu** *iv* 1 be pregnant *ulfa garaa dhaa qabdi* She is pregnant. 2 repress one's feelings *waan dur garaa dhaa qabanu biqilli baasa* (proverb) After getting drunk a person reveals his/her inner feelings. **garaa dhabuu** *iv* be irresolute or undecided *garaa dhabdee natti deebite* She returned to me because she was irresolute about leaving me for good. **garaa dhiphachuu** *iv* be intolerant *garaa dhiphatee ishee biraa deeme* He left her because he was intolerant. **garaa dhokfachuu** *iv* hide one's feelings, thoughts, problems, etc. *garaa kee hin dhokfatin*; *rakkoo kee hundumaa natti himadhu* Do not hide your feelings; tell me all your

problems. *nu gidduu seenanii, graa dhokfatanii waan dubbannuu fi hojjannu hunda diinatti dabarsan* They infiltrated our organization, hid their thoughts, and betrayed us to the enemy (by informing on us). **garaa fi dudda** *adj, n* 1 adversaries, antagonists *jarrii garaa fi duddaa; tasa walii hin galanu* They are antagonists; they never agree with each other. 2 contrary, opposite, i.e., *usu* views irreconcilably set apart *dubbiin kun garaa fi dudda* These points of view are contrary **garaa gadi baasuu** *iv* have or suffer from diarrhea *garaa gad na baasa* I am having diarrhea. **garaa garagalfachuu** *iv* change one's mind *kaleessa mana barnootaattan si galcha naan jedhe; har'a ammoo garaa garagalfatee qonnaa qotuu sii wayya naan jedha* Yesterday he said I could join school; today he has changed his mind and tells me that farming is better for me. **garaa gatu** *iv* (of animals) abort; miscarry *sa'i kiyya garaa gattee* My cow has aborted. **garaa gawuu** Same as *garaa nama ciipsuu* below **garaa hammaachuu** Same as *garaa namatti hammaachuu* below **garaa hammeessuu** *iv* feel nausea; feel sickness or feel like vomiting *garaa na hammeessa* I am experiencing nausea **hammeessaa** *n* nausea **garaa hidhachuu** *iv* take sth

courageously; steel oneself/  
 one's heart *obboleessi kee du'eera*;  
*sichi isa hin argituu gadda hin*  
*baayy'isin garaa hidhadhu* Sadly  
 your brother is dead; you can't  
 see him again, so don't grieve  
 too much; steel yourself against  
 sorrow. **garaa hiruu** *iv* be  
 irresolute, shilly-shally,  
 undecided, or waver *yookiin ol*  
*hin galu, yookiin hin deemu*; *garaa*  
*hiree ala ijaajja* He neither gets in  
 nor goes away; he stands outside  
 undecided. **garaa jabaachuu** *iv*  
 be callous; harden the heart; lack  
 compassion for or become  
 unfeeling or unsympathetic  
*garaan isaa jabaateera* He has  
 become unsympathetic **garaa**  
**jabeeffachuu** *iv* be callous,  
 harden one's heart; become  
 unfeeling or unsympathetic  
*garaa natti jabeeffate* He has  
 become unsympathetic with me.  
**garaa kaasaa** *n* diarrhea; see also  
*garaa baasaa* (2) above **garaa**  
**kaasuu** Same as *garaa gadi baasuu*  
 above **garaa kennuu** *iv* reveal  
 one's thoughts *ani isa hin amanu*;  
*garaa hin kennuuf* I don't trust  
 him; I don't like him, so I never  
 reveal my thoughts to him.  
**garaa keessa** *prep* deep down; at  
 heart *garaa keessa isa jibbiti* Deep  
 down, at heart, she hates him  
**garaa keeyachuu** *tv* 1 hold a  
 grudge against sb *yoo garaa na*  
*keeyate maal na godha*? If he holds  
 a grudge against me, what can  
 he do to me (he has no power to

do anything to me)? 2 keep in  
 mind *dubbii kana hin irraanfatin*;  
*garaa keeyadhu* Don't forget this  
 point; keep it in mind. **garaa**  
**kutachuu** *iv* 1 give up thought of  
 sb completely *garaa naa kutatte*  
 She has given up the thought of  
 me completely. 2 be determined  
 to do sth *diina isaanii*  
*barbadeessuuf garaa kutataniiru*  
 They are determined to wipe out  
 their enemies **garaa lama ta'uu**  
*iv* hesitate, vacillate, waver, i.e.,  
 fail to make up one's mind  
*dhaquus hafuus ni/in yaada*; *garaa*  
*lama ta'ee* He is wavering  
 between two opinions: to go or  
 not to go. **garaa murachuu** Same  
 as *garaa kutachuu* (2) above  
**garaan aaruu** *iv* be very angry;  
 fly into temper or fly into rage  
*gadheen garaan hin aaru*; *kanaaf*  
*nyaatee gabbata* (saying) A  
 weakling (a morally weak  
 person) is in capable of flying  
 into passion for a cause; that's  
 why he/she eats and fatten  
 (because he/she has no  
 conscience, compunction, or  
 qualm.) **garaa namaa arguu** *tv* be  
 contemptuous because of  
 familiarity *ijaa garaa si argeef si*  
*tuffachuu jalqabe* Now that he is  
 too familiar with you, he has  
 begun to be contemptuous.  
**garaa namaa baruu** *tv* be so  
 close/intimate as to lose fear,  
 respect, etc. for sb *garaa na bare*;  
*kanaaf na hin kabajane*. He has  
 been too familiar with me; that's

why he has lost respect for me (because familiarity breeds contempt); see also *garaa nama arguu* above **garaa namaa beekuu** *iv* know well sb's behavior, conduct, inner self, etc. *ani garaa isaa beekaa natti dhiisaa* I know how to deal with him; leave him to me. **garaa namaa ciibsuu** *tv* gratify, please, or satisfy sb usu by doing a job well *hojiin isaa garaa na ciibseera* I am very pleased with his work. **garaa namaa ciipsuu** Same as *garaa namaa ciibsuu* above **garaa namaa cufuu** *tv* spoil or take away one's appetite or disincline sb to eat *damma baay'ee hin nyaatin garaa si cufaa* Don't eat too much honey; it will spoil your appetite. **garaa namaa kennuu** *tv* show tacit consent, i.e., give signs of kindness or willingness to help, usu after being approached for help *birri dhibba naa liqeessuuf garaa naa kenniteetti* She has given me signs of willingness to lend me one hundred birri. **garaa namaa laafuu** *iv* relent *abbaan koo garaa naa laafee na rukutuu dhiise* My father relented and gave up the idea of beating me up. **garaa nama ciniinuu** *iv* suffer from colic *garaa isa ciniina* He is suffering from colic. **garaa nama dhowwachuu** Same as *fuula dhoowwachuu* under *fuula* **garaa nama gawuu** Same as *garaa nama ciibsuu* above **garaa nama hatuu**

*tv* break faith with sb/deny *namicha kana amanuun gadhee dha;* *garaa nama hata* It is not good to trust this man; he breaks faith with people. **garaa nama kaasuu** Same as *garaa gadi baasuu* above **garaa nama kutachiisuu** *tv* cause sb to give up hope *sitti hin eerumuu jettee garaa isa kutachiifte* She turned down his marriage proposal and made him lose all hope. **garaa nama looguu** *tv* betray, i.e., act deceitfully towards *atuun isa amanuu garaa na looge* He betrayed me while I trusted him. See also *garaa nama hatuu* above. **garaa nama nyaachuu** *iv* have misgiving *dubbiin sun eega darbee garaa na nyaate* I had my misgivings about the matter (after the fact). **garaa namatti ammaachuu** *iv* harden one's heart towards sb *gatii inni natti sobeef garaan koo itti ammaate* My heart hardened towards him because he had lied to me. **garaa namatti geeddaruu** *tv* change, i.e., change one's positive attitude towards sb and show hatred, suspicion, etc. *dur na jaal'ata ture; amma garaa natti geeddareera* He used to like me; now he has changed. **garaan hojjachuu** Same as *garaa dhaan hojjachuu, sirbuu...* above **garaan namaa aannan dhuguu** *iv* be extremely happy *baga diina keenya barbadeessine; ishoo garaan koo aannan na dhugeera* I am extremely happy that we

annihilated our enemies. **garaan namaa bira jiraachuu** *iv* set one's heart on **garaan isaa koolejii galuu bira jira** He has set his heart on joining college. **garaan nama ammaachuu** *iv* be filled with/feel pity for sb **waa'ee rakkoo isaa dhagayeen garaan na ammaate** I heard about his problems and felt pity for him. **garaan nama baduu** *iv* 1 be distressed; be unhappy 2 Same as **gaabbuu garaan nama barachuu** *iv* have a presentiment **akka ilmi isee du'e garaan isee barateera** She had a presentiment of her son's death. **garaan nama beekkachuu** Same as **garaan nama barachuu** above **garaan nama boora'uu** *iv* be upset or be angry **jecha iseeitiin garaan na boora'e** I was upset by what she said. **garaan nama cituu** *iv* lose all feelings for sb **ilma kootiif garaan na citeera** I have lost all feelings for my son. (because he had wronged me in some way). **garaan nama gubachuu** *iv* burn with anger or rage **aarii dhaan garaan na gubate** I raged with anger. **garaan nama nawuu** *iv* be spellbound or bewitched **bareedina iseeitiif garaan na naye** I was bewitched or spellbound by her beauty. **garaa ofi agarsiisuu** *tv* open one's heart/mind to sb to the point of making him/her lose fear, respect, etc. for one **eegan garaa koo ofi agarsiisee asitti na**

**xinneessuu qabe** He has been contemptuously belittling me ever since I opened my heart to him. **garaa ofi barsiisuu** Same as **garaa of agarsiisuu** above. **garaa qabaachuu** *iv* have guts or courage **afaan malee garaa hin qabanuu hin sodaatin** Except bluff and empty words, they don't have guts, so don't be afraid. **garaa qulqullaawuu** *iv* 1 have clean stomach by ridding oneself of tapeworms 2 reconcile with sb and have a clean heart **garaa qulqulluu** *adj* 1 (of heart or mind) pure, i.e., without malice or evil thought **garaan isaa qulqulluu dha** His heart is pure 2 sincere; sincerity **garaa qulqulluu dhaan natti dubbate** He spoke to me with sincerity. **garaa raasuu** *iv* (applies to sth very tragic) moving, i.e., sth that has an effect on emotion and makes one feel compassionate and sympathetic **duutii daa'imaa garaa nama raasa** A baby's death is extremely moving. **garaa tokkichaana** *adv* whole heartedly **garaa tokkichaana na eebbise** He blessed me whole heartedly. **garaa tokko ta'uu** *iv* be unanimous or be of the same opinion **anii fi inni yaadaan garaa tokko taane** He and I were of the same opinion. **garaatti afuu** *iv* be pregnant **eega garaatti na afee ji'a shan ta'a** I'm about five months pregnant **graatti baachuu** *iv* 1 Same as **garaatti afuu** above 2

remember or keep in mind  
**garaatti fixuu** *iv* keep everything to oneself, i.e., suppress one's feelings *rakkoo isaa namatti hin himatu*; *hundumaa garaatti fixa* He does not tell his problems to anybody; he suppresses his feelings. See also *garaa dhokfachuu* above. **garaatti hafuu/garaatti nama afuu** Same as *garaatti afuu* above **garaatti qabachuu** *tv* bear/keep sth in mind *waan ani sitti hime hundumaa hin irraanfatin*; *garaatti qabadhu* Do not forget everything I told you; keep it in mind. See also *garaatti baachuu* (2) **garaa waldhabuu** *iv* be on bad terms with each other; break or sever friendly relationships *eega garaa wal dhabanii fagoo dha* It has been a long time since they broke friendly relationships with each other. **garaa walii galuu** *iv* be in complete agreement or harmony with each other *tasuma garaa walii hin galanu* They never agree with each other. **garaa walii ta'uu** Same as *garaa walii galuu* above. **garalaafessa** *adj* (of male humans) kind-hearted *abbaan koo garalaafessa* My father is kind-hearted. **garalaafettii** *adj* (of female humans) kindhearted *haati koo baay'ee garalaafettii dha* My mother is very kind-hearted. **garaa**<sup>2</sup> *n* (used of cloth and the like) width or breadth *abujadiin kun garaa malee hojjaa hin qabu*

This calico has breadth but not enough length.  
**garaabaa** *n* leaf of *caatii* that is too tough to be chewed  
**garaacha** *n* stomach, i.e., the intestines or viscera  
**garaachoo** *adj* paunchy  
**garaada** *n* local chief  
**garaagar** See *gara*  
**gara baqeessa** *adj* of a cow that has stopped or almost stopped giving birth (after years of productivity)  
**gara biraa** See *gara*  
**garaddafuu** Same as *garafuu*<sup>1</sup>  
**gara dhabuu** See *gara*  
**garafaa** See *garafuu*<sup>1</sup>  
**garafuu**<sup>1</sup> *tv* crunch, i.e., grind dry grain, usu corn *boqqolloo garafti* She is crunching (grinding) dry corn. **garafaa** *n* coarsely ground corn flour  
**garafuu**<sup>2</sup> *tv* flog or thrash *ilma isaa garafe* He flogged his son.  
**garagalchaa** See *garagaluu*  
**garagalchii** See *garagaluu*  
**garagalchituu** See *garaglchuu*<sup>2</sup>  
**garagalchuu**<sup>1</sup> See *garagaluu*  
**garagalchuu**<sup>2</sup> *tv* peddle *buna garagalchitee jiraatti* She makes a living by peddling coffee.  
**garagalchituu** *n* woman pedlar  
**garagaluu** *iv* turn, i.e., face in a different direction *asi garagali* Turn to this side *machaayee nattii achi garagalee kurruufuu jalqabe* He was so drunk that he turned away from me and started to snore. **garagalchaa** *n* bread turned over to bake on the upper



side **garagalchii** *adv* just the other way, i.e., in opposition to what is expected and logical  
*garagalchii ilmi taa'ee abbaan hojjata* Just the other way around, the son sits while the father works. **garagalchuu** *iv, tv*, 1 wear sth inside out or turn sth upside-down *kittaa isaa*  
*garagalchee uffate* He wore his shirt inside out. *kitaaba*  
*garagalchitee akkamitti dubbisuu dandeesi?* How can she hold a book upside-down and read it? 2 transfer sth from one container to another; tip sth out of sth and into sth *bishaan barmeelii keessaa gaaniitti garagalchite* She transferred the water from the barrel to the large jar. 3 turn over *garagalchaa garagalchitee?* Have you turned the bread over? 4 turn, i.e., move so as to face in a different direction *nattii*  
*garagaltee rafte* She slept with her face (and body, of course) turned away from me. 5 upset a container and cause the contents to scatter, spill, etc. *indaaqqoon aannan garagalchite* The hen upset the milk container and caused the milk to spill.  
**garagar** Same as *garagara* under *gara*  
**garagara** See *gara*  
**garagaruu** Same as *garagaluu*  
**gara godhachuu** See *gara*  
**gara kami** See *gara*  
**gara kuteessa** *adj* (of male) determined and courageous

**gara kutii** Same as *daguuggaa* (2) under *daguuguu*  
**gara laafessa** See *garaa*<sup>1</sup>  
**gara laafettii** See *garaa*<sup>1</sup>  
**gara malee** See *gara*  
**garami** See *gara*  
**garamii** See *gara*  
**garamiin** See *gara*  
**garamitti** See *gara*  
**garana** See *gara*  
**garanaa** See *gara*  
**gara qabuu** See *gara*  
**gararraa** *adv* up on top or up above *mana gararraa jira* It's on top of the roof  
**garasi** See *gara*  
**garasii** See *gara*  
**garayyuu** Same as *sanyoo*  
**garba**<sup>1</sup> See *garboomu*  
**garba**<sup>2</sup> *n* sea **garba ciisaa** stagnant body of water, i.e., ocean, sea, or lake  
**garba deettii** *n* name of the 25<sup>th</sup> day of a month  
**garba diimaa** *n* Red Sea  
**garba nanna** *n* name of the 26<sup>th</sup> day of a month  
**garba qaraa** *n* name of the 24<sup>th</sup> day of a month  
**garbicha** See *garboomu*  
**garbii** Same as *sondii*  
**garbittii** See *garboomu*  
**garboomsuu** See *garboomu*  
**garboomu** *iv* be enslaved and oppressed **garba** *n* slave  
**garbicha** *n* 1 male slave 2 address of endearment *usu* to one's son *maal taate garbicha koo?* What is wrong with you, my dear son? 3 clever *garbicha boonaa*

clever son of Boonaa **garbittii** *n* 1 female slave 2 address of endearment usu to one's daughter or wife 3 clever **garboomsuu** *tv* enslave and oppress a person, a people, or a society *sabni tokko hin gabroomu jedhee kaanaan eenyullee isa garboomsuu hin danda'u* If a society is determined not to be enslaved and oppressed, no one can enslave and oppress it.

**garbummaa** *n* slavery

**garbummaa** See *garboomuu*

**garbuu** *n* barley *farsoo garbuu moo farsoo boqqolloo jaal'atta* Which one do you like: barley beer or corn beer?

**gardaaduma** *n* name of the 14<sup>th</sup> day of a month

**gardaafoo** *n* pillars that support the eaves of a roof

**gardaasaa** *n* diadem, i.e., a crown or cloth headband

**garee**<sup>1</sup> Same as *garuu*<sup>1</sup>

**garee**<sup>2</sup> Same as *gara*

**gareroo** Same as *ro'oo*

**gargaarsa** See *gargaaruu*

**gargaarsisuu** See *gargaaruu*

**gargaartuu** See *gargaaruu*

**gargaaruu** *tv* aid, assist, or help *ba'aa kana ilma kootuu na gargaare malee qobaa koo asiin hin gawun ture* If my son hadn't helped me with this load, I wouldn't have been able to carry it alone to this place. **gargaarsa** *n* aid, assistance, or help *gargaarsa kee hin barbaadu* I don't need your help. **gargaarsisuu** *tv* cause

to/make help *obbolessa isaa na gargaarsise* He made his brother help me. **gargaartuu** *n* (female) helper *kun gargaartuu kooti* This is my helper.

**gargada** *n* dense leaves on a tree where people shelter from rain

**gargar** Same as *garagara* under *gara*

**gargar baasuu** See *gara*

**gargar bawuu** See *gara*

**gargar foowuu** Same as *gargar baasuu*(1) under *gara*

**gargar qabuu** See *gara*

**garichoo** *n* 1 dear friend *iseen garichoo kiyya* She is my dear friend. 2 a term of endearment used to address someone special

**garii** *adv* once in a while; sometimes *garii diina ta'u, garii ammoo fira garaa walii ta'u* One time they become archenemies, another time they become best friends.

**garittuu** *adv* no matter what; at all cost/costs *garittuu hin afu nan dhufa* No matter what, I will come.

**garjalee** *n* leather strap that passes under the bellies of pack animals or horses/ mules and keeps a load or saddle in place; towards or close to the belly side

**garmaamsuu** See *garmaamuu*

**garmaamuu** *iv* (usu used of a horse) 1 prance up and down; canter, trot 2 neigh, usu while resisting **garmaamsuu** *tv* 1 make a horse prance, canter, or trot 2 cause to neigh 3 run/walk here

and there while singing war songs  
**garmalee** See *gara*  
**garnyeessuu** *tv* thresh, usu *xaafii*  
**garoo** Same as *garii*  
**garraamii** See *garraamomuu*  
**garraamomuu** *iv* 1 (of humans) become kind, benign, or generous *inni naa garraamomee ture isetu natti jabaate malee* He was kind to me; it was she who was hard on me. 2 (of animals) become docile, i.e., obedient, or submissive to management *sangaan koo naa garraamomeera* My ox has become docile, obedient, or submissive.  
**garraamii** *adj* 1 generous or kind *nama garraamii* a kind person 2 docile, obedient, or submissive *sangaa garraamii* an obedient ox  
**garraamummaa** *n* kindness; generosity; submissiveness  
**garraamummaa** See *garraamomuu*  
**garramuu** *n* large, yellow beans  
**garri**<sup>1</sup> Same as *gara*  
**garri**<sup>2</sup> *n* 1 a kind of tree 2 saxophone  
**garsuu** Same as *garuu*<sup>1</sup>  
**gartee** Same as *agartee* under *argue*  
**garteessuu** *tv* assign a person to a team  
**gartii** *n* a large jar, a bit smaller than *gaanii*  
**gar tokkee** See *gar*  
**gartuu** Same as *garuu*<sup>1</sup>  
**garuu**<sup>1</sup> *n* 1 a member of a team; team *garuu filattee?* Have you selected team members (that fight, play, on your side)? 2 team-

mate; partner, usu in games *ani garuu hin qabu* I don't have a team-mate.  
**garuu**<sup>2</sup> *conj* but *maal goona garuu kan du'e hin galu* But what can we do, the dead cannot be revived. *namichi kun nama cimaa dha, garuu of jaja* This man is strong, but he is boastful.  
**gasaa** mat made of straw or fiber  
**gasa'achuu** See *gasa'uu*  
**gasandhaluu** *iv* jog **gasandhalaa** *n* jogger  
**gasaroo** Same as *bututtuu* under *bututuu*  
**gasa'uu** *tv* hoe or mattock; dig the ground **gasa'achuu** *tv* hoe or dig the ground for self *mana boroo gasa'attee dinnicha dhaabde* She dug the ground in her back yard and grew potatoes. **gasoo** *n* hoe or mattock  
**gasoo** See *gasa'uu*  
**gataa** See *gatu*  
**gatachiisuu** See *gatachuu*  
**gatachuu** *iv, tv* (used of animals) abort, miscarry, or slip, i.e., bring forth young prematurely *sa'i koo ni/ni gatatee* my cow had slipped her calf. **gatachiisuu** *tv* cause to slip *sangaa keetu sa'a koo na duraa gatachiise* It was your bull that made my cow slip her calf prematurely. **gatannaa** *n* abortion; slipping **gatata** *n* 1 aborted fetus 2 bum, i.e., good for nothing or worthless person *gatata kana arraa maal baruu dandeessa* What can you learn from this bum?

**gatamaa** *n* a kind of tree  
**gamamoo** Same as *gammoo*  
**gatanba'ii** Same as *gatanbayii*  
**gatanbayii** *n* honey that has been staying in a hive for too long, i.e., before it is harvested  
**gatannaa** See *gatachuu*  
**gantantaraa** See *gantantaruu*  
**gantantarsuu** See *gantantaruu*  
**gantantartuu** See *gantantaruu*  
**gantantaruu** *iv* stagger or totter, i.e., move or walk unsteadily, usu from drunkenness, heavy burden, or weakness *gantantaree kufe* He staggered and fell.  
**gantantaraa** *adj* (masc) staggering *gantantaraan kun maaliif sirriitti hin deemne?* Why doesn't this staggering man walk straight?  
**gantantarsuu** *tv* cause to/make stagger or totter *ba'aan natti baayy'atee na gantantarse* The heavy load made me stagger under it. **gantantartuu** *adj* (of persons) staggering or tottering  
**gatata** See *gatachuu*  
**gateetiyee** Same as *qolee*  
**gateettii** *n* 1 *sahoulder kittaan isaa gateetti irraan duraa dhiphate* His shirt became too tight/narrow across the shoulders. 2 (used of oxen) pair/a yoke of oxen *sangaa gateettii lama qaba* He has two yoke of oxen. 3 one of the pair of oxen used for plowing *sangaa waanjoo tokkoo fi gateettii tokko qaba* He has three oxen that are used for plowing, i.e., one pair of oxen and a single ox 4 Same as *qolee gateetti qabaa-*

**chuu** *iv* be respected and feared (because possesses broad shoulders) **gateettii irraan ilaaluu** *iv* look down one's nose at; look down on/upon *gateettii irraan na ilaalte* She looked down her nose at me.  
**gatii**<sup>1</sup> *n* 1 price *gatiin hoolaa keetii meeqa?* What is the price of your sheep? 2 value *oduun duwwaan gatii hin qabu* Too much talk alone has no value *humni koo gatii hin qabuu?* Hasn't my labor value? *na hin gargaarin gatii dhabi* Do not help me; your help will not be appreciated any way (lit may your help be valueless). *waan gatii hin qabne natti gurgure* He sold me a lemon, i.e., he sold me a useless or a defective thing. 3 rent *ji'atti gatiin mana kana meeqa?* How much is a monthly rent for this house? **gatii baasuu** *tv* have value *kun gatii maalii baasa?* What value does this have?/ How much is this worth? **gatii dhoofsisuu** *tv* ask sb to name the price of his/her goods for sale **gatii muruu** *iv* decide the price of a commodity *gatii sangaa keetii isa dhugaa murii natti himi* Decide the final price of your ox and tell me **haadha/gatii nyaachuu** *iv* 1 lose even the capital invested let alone make a profit *bunni ani kaleessa bitee gurgure sun gatii na nyaate* Yesterday, I lost the capital I had invested on the coffee I bought and sold for profit **gatii**

**qabeessa** *adj* valuable, precious, priceless, or invaluable

**gatii**<sup>2</sup> *conj* because *gatii inni iyyeessa ta'e isa cunqursu* They oppress him because he is poor and helpless.

**gatu***u* *tv* 1 dispose of, get rid of, or throw away *haraa gatte* She disposed of the refuse/rubbish/garbage. 2 lose *irsaasii kee eessatti gatte?* Where did you lose your pencil? 3 forget or neglect; leave sb in the lurch *ilmi koo barana na gate* My son has neglected me this year. 4 outdistance sb *na eegi na hin gatin* Wait for me; do not outdistance me. **gachisiisuu** *tv* cause to/make throw away *ofii gatu dhiiftee akkoo isee haraa gachisiifte* Instead of throwing it away herself, she made her grandmother dispose of the garbage. **gataa** *n* garbage, refuse, rubbish *gataa kana bunatti gati* Throw this garbage under the coffee tree (so that it will fertilize it).

**ga'uu** Same as *gawuu*

**gawisaa** *n* beam in loom by which woof/weft is compacted  
**gawisoo** *n* a frog believed to have seven legs

**gawoo** *n* share; also see *gayaa*  
**gawuu** *iv, tv* 1 be adequate, enough, or be sufficient *nyaati kun nama shan ni/in gaya* This food is enough for five people. *na gaya; quufeera* It's enough; I am full. 2 be enough (in

quantity) to go round, i.e., enough for everyone to have a share. *bunni wal hin geenye* There wasn't enough coffee to go round. 3 (used of one's share or of what is one's due) get one's due *waan wajjin horannee keessaa ammamtu na gaya* Of the property we possess in common, how much is my due? *humtuu si hin gawu* You will not get anything. 4 be/not be in the same degree *miidhagnaan amma caaltuu hin geessu* She is not as beautiful as *Caaltuu*. 5 go to (for some purpose) *du'a gayii gayee deebi'e* He went to the funeral and returned. 6 reach a place or go as far as *Mattuu geesseettaa?* Did you reach Mattuu? *iryaan kee eessaan si gaye?* How far did your friend go with you? 7 be large enough (to suit, accommodate, etc.) *kittaan kun si gayaa?* Is this shirt large enough for you? 8 reach a marriageable or nubile age *ilmi koo fuudha gayeera* My son has reached a marriageable/nubile age. *Kan koosi intalli eeruma geesseetti* My daughter, too, has reached a marriageable age. 9 be ready *irbaanni gayeeraa?* Is dinner ready? *boqqolloon gayeera* Corn is ready for eating, i.e., it is ripe. 10 about to; almost *du'a gayeera* He is about to die. *dawuu geesseetti* She is about to give birth. **gayaa** *n* 1 (usu of male humans) grown/grown up, or mature

enough to bear arms, marry, etc. *ilma gayaa qaba* He has a grown up son. 2 share *gayaa koo* my share **geessifachuu** *tv* (usu applies to crop/preson) make reach a mature stage after caring for (for self) *intala geessifateera* He has cared for and brought up his daughter, and now she is old enough to be married. *boqqolloo geessifatteetti*. She has ripe corn at last. **geessuu** *adj* (usu of female humans) grown, grown-up, or mature enough to marry. *intala geessuu lama qabdi* She has two grown up daughters.

**gayaa** See *gawuu*

**gayee** Same as *gahee*

**gayyaa** *n* a wife of one's paternal uncle

**geba** *n* 1 a horn or gourd cup from which beer, mead, milk, etc is drunk 2 cup, i.e., a prize given to an individual or a team that wins a competition, a game, etc.

**gebexii** *n* roost, i.e., raised platform built inside a house where fowls perch at night

**gedarafa** *adj* (usu of persons) awkward; good for nothing *gurbaa gadarafa* an awkward boy

**geddaa** *n* a kind of ant

**geebaa** *n* a male donkey's genital

**geebboo** *n* a kind of climber, i.e., a plant that grows upward by twining about; India rubber

**geebuu** *tv* drink too much; see also *dhuguu*

**geechamuu** Same as *geessamuu* under *geessuu*

**geechuu**<sup>1</sup> Same as *geessuu*<sup>1</sup>

**geechuu**<sup>2</sup> Same as *geessuu* under *gawuu*

**geedala** Same as *sardiida*

**geeda'uu** *iv* change *namichi ni/in geeda'e* The man has changed.

**geeddaraa** See *geeddaruu*

**geeddarachuu** See *geeddaruu*

**geeddaramuu** See *geeddaruu*

**geeddarsiisuu** See *geeddaruu*

**geeddaruu** *tv* 1 change, i.e., exchange for or replace by another *maaliif maqaa isaa geeddare?* Why did he change his name? 2 change tethered animals from one grazing area to another *dhaqii jabbii geeddari* Go and change grazing area for the tethered calves. 3 put different clothes on *mucaa dhaa kittaa geeddariif* Change the child's shirt for him/her. 4 (used of money) change *qarshii abbaa kudhanii kana naa geedari* Change this ten-birri note for me.

**geeddaraa** *n* buying or selling, usu a single commodity for/at one-cent, one-birr, etc monetary unit, even or one-to-one *boqqolloon har'a geeddaraa dha* Today one ear of corn is exchanged, say, for one five-cent coin, i.e., for one birr twenty ears of corn are sold or bought.

*anqaaquu geddaraan bite* I bought one egg for one five-cent coin.

**geeddarachuu** *tv* change for self *uffata geeddaratee gabaa deeme* He changed his clothes and went to the market. *qarshii isa abbaa*

*dhibbaa geeddaratee mana daadhii seene* He changed his 100-birri note and entered mead house.

**geeddaramuu** *tv* (used of persons) change, i.e., be different in behavior, conduct, looks, etc. from what one used to be *baay'ee geeddaramteetti* She has changed a lot. **geeddarsiisuu** *tv* cause to or make change *maaliif mucaa jabbilee hin geeddarsiifne?* Why didn't you make the kid change the calves from one grazing area to another?

**gefecee** *adj* short and worthless person

**gefenxee** *n* bifurcated poles for holding up eaves

**geeffachuu** See *geessuu*

**geeffamuu** Same as *geessamuu* under *geessuu*

**geeffoo** *n* veranda

**geega'oo** Same as *tirmaa*

**geegayoo** Same as *geega'oo*

**geejjara** *n* servant

**geejjiba** *n* 1 a young bull ready to be broken or trained for plowing *geejjiba lama leenjifate* He has trained (for self) two young bulls for plowing. 2 young pack animals not yet broken to be harnessed 3 transportation *Finfinnee dhaquuu yaallee turre, garuu geejjiba dhabne* We had a plan to go to Finfinnee, but we couldn't find transportation (vehicles such as buses, cars, trucks, vans, planes).

**geelee** *n* friendly relationship among female close friends

**geemmoo** Same as *gemmoo*

**geemuu** 1 Same as *geebuu* 2 add fuel/fire to fire

**geendaa** Same as *allayyaa*

**geendoo** Same as *kiyyoo*

**geenee** *n* lower backbone

**geengessuu** *tv* form a wire or any pliable object into a circle/wheel *shiboo kana geengessi* Form this wire into a circular shape (wheel) **geengoo** *n* 1 circular object 2 a game in which one opponent tries to transfix a moving stick/wire wheel thrown and made to roll by another opponent

**geengoo** See *geengessuu*

**geenyaa** Same as *ganyaa* under *ganyaaawuu*

**geenya'uu** Same as *ganyaaawuu*

**geeraraa** See *geeraruu*

**geerarsa** See *geeraruu*

**geerarsiisuu** See *geeraruu*

**geerartuu** See *geeraruu*

**geeraruu** *iv* sing, usu a war song before going to a battle field, hunting, etc. or after victory **geeraraa** *adj* of a male who is very good at singing a war song **geerarsa** *n* war song **geerarsiisuu** *tv* cause to/make sing a war song **geerartuu** *adj* of a person who is very good at war song

**geeree** Same as *geelee*

**geergoo** *n* bed bug

**geerii** *n* close relations; relatives

**geerrii** *n* army worm that devastates any green plant such as seedlings, cabbage, etc.

**geeshaa** Same as *keeshaa*

**geeshee** *n* herb or shrub, somewhat like hops, the leaves and stalks of which are used to ferment beer or mead [rhamnus s prnoides]

**geeshoo** Same as *geeshee*

**geessoo** *n* a kind of beer

**geessaa** See *geessuu*

**geessamuu** See *geessuu*

**geessifachuu** See *gawuu*

**geessisuu** See *geessuu*

**geessuu**<sup>1</sup> *tv* 1 take, i.e., carry sth to some place/sb *buna kana adaadaa keetii geessi* Take this coffee to your aunt and give it to her 2 accompany sb away from a place *edana obboleessi koo mana hinjiruu ati sirba na geessi* My brother is not at home tonight; please take me to the ball.

*kaleessa abbaa isee mana hakiimiitti*

*geessite* She took her father to the hospital yesterday. *sa'a bishaan*

*geessiteettaa?* Have you taken the cattle to the river (to drink

water)? **geeffachuu** *tv* take sth to

for self *gabaasa isaa ofumaan*

*geeffatee itti kennate.* He took the

report to him by himself and

gave it to him. **geessaa** *n* taking

to/accompanying *amma mana*

*hin jiru; sa'a geessaa deeme* He is

not in now; he has gone out with

the cattle, i.e., he accompa-

nied the cattle to the grazing

field. **geessamuu** *tv* (passive) be

taken to *maanqorqoraan koo mana*

*kee geessamee laata; barbaadeen*

*dhabewoo* By any chance is my

kettle taken to your house? I

couldn't find it. **geessisuu** *tv*  
cause to/make take sth to

**geessuu**<sup>2</sup> See *gawuu*

**geettaruu** *iv* dance and sing  
simultaneously

**geexii** *n* 1 ornament, i.e., sth that  
adds beauty to sth/sb *ililliin  
iseen mataatti suuqatte sun baay'ee  
isee miidhagse* The flower that she  
put into her hair has made her  
beautiful. 2 one's Sunday best or  
clothes *har'a hojiin hin jiru; kanaaf  
uffata geexii uffatan* There is no  
work today. That's why they are  
wearing their Sunday clothes.

**gegeessuu** Same as *geggeessuu*

**geggechisuu** Same as *geggeessuu*  
under *geggeessuu*

**geggeechuu** Same as *geggeessuu*

**geggeeffachuu** See *geggeessuu*

**geggeessaa** See *geggeessuu*

**geggeessituu** See *geggeessuu*

**geggeessuu** *tv* 1 see sb off; escort  
or conduct sb a part of the road  
as a token of respect or when  
one starts to go on a journey *na  
geggeessanii deebi'an* They saw me  
off and returned. 2 entertain or  
give sb food and hospitality  
*nyaataa fi dhugaatii qopheessee nama  
baay'ee geggeesse* He entertained  
many people with food and  
drinks. **geggeeffachuu** *tv* see sb  
off or entertain sb for self  
**geggeessaa** *n* 1 seeing sb off  
*geggeessaa deemani* They went to  
see sb off. 2 present given to the  
bereaved **geggeessitu** *n* one who  
sees sb off *geggeessituun manaan*



*nama hin geessuu* (saying) One who sees sb off cannot accompany that person to his/her destination, i.e., one has to return from somewhere in between

**geggexuu** Same as *balaqqamuu*

**ge'ii** *adj* (of sth that makes sb happy) pleasant

**gela** *n* 1 forest 2 a meeting place for elders who resolve conflicts

**geldii** *adj* heavy

**gelgexoo** *n* snail

**gella'uu** *iv, tv* sing and dance simultaneously **gelloo** *n* dance and singing both at once

**gelloo**<sup>1</sup> See *gella'uu*

**gelloo**<sup>2</sup> *n* large, main farm as opposed to a small garden around a house *gelloo koo keessaa maal godha?* What is he doing in my farm?

**gembicha** Same as *gumbii*

**gemmii** Same as *gemmoo*

**gemmoo** *n* 1 each or all of the three stones used for supporting cooking vessels in a fire place; in function it is the same as the trivet 2 log on which people sit and warm themselves by the fire

**genda** Same as *ganda*

**gengee** Same as *gomboo*

**genjoo** *n* 1 certain kinds of food items that don't boil or become well done easily 2 a person who doesn't reform or change no matter how often he/she is advised or disciplined

**genenaawuu** Same as *niinna'uu*

**gennee** *n* term of address or endearment used with a young woman; mistress, i.e., woman in authority *gennee eessaa dhufta?* Where are you coming from, dear young woman?

**ge'oo** *n* a variety of pumpkin

**gephee** *n* buttocks *gephee dhaan lafa dhoofte* She fell and hit the ground with her buttocks

**gephee** *n* hat

**gephii** *n* lintel

**gerenaal** *n* (military rank) general

**gergoo** Same as *geergoo*

**gesoo** *n* basket

**geyrii** Same as *geerrii*

**gibra** See *gabbaruu*

**gibirii** Same as *gibra* under *gabbaruu*

**gichaa** *n* fill, i.e., a kind of backfill put on muddy road for people to step on

**gichillaa** *n* 1 black panther 2 (fig) [of male humans] brave, i.e., as brave, clever, fast, etc. as a panther *ilma gichillaa tokoo qaba* He has a brave son

**gidaada** *n* name of the 18<sup>th</sup> day of a month

**giddii** See *giddisiisuu*

**giddiitti** See *giddisiisuu*

**giddisiifamuu** See *giddisiisuu*

**giddisiisaa** See *giddisiisuu*

**giddisiisuu** *tv* compel or force *akkan itti eerumu abbaa kootu na giddisiise malee ani jaal'adhe miti* My father forced me to marry him without my consent. **giddii** *n* 1 force or necessity *giddii dhaan dhufa* He will come by force. 2

difficult *giddii dhaan lafaa ka'e* He got up with difficulty **giddiitti** *adv* by force *giddiitti nyaachisi* Feed him by force.

**giddisiifamuu** *tv* (passive) be forced or compelled *giddisiifamee dhufa* He will be forced to come.

**giddisiisaa** *n* compelling; force; see also *dirqamuu*

**giddoo** Same as *humna*<sup>1</sup>

**gidduu** *adv, prep* **1** between, i.e., intermediate in the space separating two animals, persons, places, things, or times *nu lamaan gidduu teesse* She sat between the two of us. *waaree booda, sa'aatii lamaa fi sadii gidduutti dhufa* He will come between **2** o'clock and **3** o'clock in the afternoon. **2** (takes *kana*) recently (in the past); very soon (in the future, i.e., any time between present time and immediate or near future that is less than a week) *gidduu kana dhufi* She will come any time between now and the near future. *gidduu kana dhufte* She came recently. **3** (takes *galuu* or *seenuu*) interfere, intervene, or intrude in the affairs of others; meddle *haadha manaatii fi abbaa manaa gidduu galuun gaarii miti*. It is not good to interfere between husband and wife. **4** (of persons) amidst, among, or surrounded by relatives, friends, or enemies *fira gidduu jirtiwoo maal taati* She lives amidst relatives; nothing will happen to her. **5** for some time; in between *bokkaan gidduu*

*dhaan badee ture* There was no rain for sometime (in the past).

**giddu gidduu dhaan** *adv* occasionally; once-in-a-while *giddu gidduu dhaan dhukkubsata* He gets sick occasionally. **giddu**

**galeessa** *n* **1** a man who interferes in the affairs of others

**2** a male child born between, say, the 1<sup>st</sup> and the 3<sup>rd</sup> child

**giddu galeettii** *n* **1** a woman who interferes in the affairs of others

**2** a female child born between, say, the 1<sup>st</sup> and the 3<sup>rd</sup> child

**gidduu tokko** *adv* at one time; sometime (in the past)

*gidduu tokko sooromee ture* He became rich at one time. **gidduu**

**tokko tokko** Same as *giddu gidduu dhaan* above

**giddu galeessa** See *gidduu*

**giddu galeettii** See *gidduu*

**giddu gidduu dhaan** See *gidduu*

**gidduu tokko** See *gidduu*

**gidduu tokko tokko** See *gidduu*

**gidee** *n* problem; thoughts *gidee*

*koo itti himannaan humaa naa*

*gochuu dide* I told him my

problems, but he didn't do

anything for me. See also *rakkina*

under *rakkachuu*

**gidiraa** See *gidiramuu*

**gidiramaa** See *gidiramuu*

**gidiramtuu** See *gidiramuu*

**gidiramuu** *iv* be in dire difficulty;

have a problem; be indigent,

miserable, or wretched

*gidiranteetti* She has become

wretched. **gidiraa** *n* indigence,

misery, tribulation, or

wretchedness *ani gidiraa hin qabu*

I have no problems. **gidiramaa**

*adj* (of male humans) indigent,

poor, miserable, or wretched

*namicha gidiramaa kana gargaaraa*

Help this poor man. **gidiramtuu**

*adj* (of female humans) indigent,

poor, miserable, or wretched

**gidirsuu** *tv* create problems for a

person *anoo rakkataa dhaa maaliif*

*na gidirsita?* I am already poor

and miserable; why do you add

to my misery?

**gidir sambata** *n* Saturday

**gidir sanbata** *n* Saturday

**gidirsuusu** Same as **gidirsuu**

under *gidiramuu*

**gidirsuu** See *gidiramuu*

**gidiruu** Same as **gidirsuu** under

*gidiramuu*

**gigira** *n* measles

**gigig jechuu** *iv* (imitation of

sound, i.e., onomatopoeia) make

noise while in motion *sireen kun*

*gigigg jedha* This bed makes

noise.

**gigigsuu** Same as *didichuu*

**giibii** *n* women's handbag

**giidoo** Same as *humna*<sup>1</sup>

**giifatoo** *n* song/dance, usu

sung/danced on the day of

*masqala*

**giiftii** *adj*, *n* 1 lady, i.e., a woman

who has wealth and social

position 2 a term of address or

endearment (usu used when

addressing or referring to a wife,

daughter, or mother to daughter,

daughter mother, etc.) Husband

to his wife *Ittiyyaanne*:

*Ittiyyaanne, maal taatee natti*

*mufatte giiftii koo?* *Ittiyyaanne,*

my dear lady, why are you

offended? **giiftummaa** *n* state of

being lady

**giiftummaa** See *giiftii*

**giigigsuu** Same as *diddichuu*

**giigisuu** Same as *diddichuu*

**gima** Same as *dalgee*

**giimessuu** *tv* cause/make

firewood, coals, etc. glow or

smolder until it turns into

embers **giimii** *n* embers or red,

hot fire without flame; live coals;

firebrand

**giimii** See *giimessuu*

**giinga'aa** Same as *giingee* under

*giinga'uu*

**giingaa** See *giinga'uu*

**giinga'uu** *iv* stammer or stutter

*in/ni giingoofti/giinga'a* She/He

stammers. *Fakkeenyaaf: yoo-yoo-*

*yooyoom dhu-dhudhufte?* Yoom

*dhufte?* When did you come?

**giingaa** *n* stammering or

stuttering **giingee** *adj* of a person

who stammers/

stutters *haasaan giingee nama*

*nuffisa* A stammerer's speech is

boring. **giingoftuu** *adj* (of a

female) stammerer or stutterer

**giingee** See *giinga'uu*

**giingeffachuu** Same as *giinga'uu*

**giingiftuu** Same as *giingoftuu*

under *giinga'uu*

**giingoftuu** See *giinga'uu*

**giingoo** 1 Same as *giingaa* 2 Same

as *geengoo*

**giixoo** *n* a kind of plant used as a

broom

**gilaasha** *n* a multi-colored cloth that is placed on the top of a saddle for a rider to sit on  
**gildii** Same as *gobanii*  
**gilgaala** *n* exercise, i.e., a set of questions to be answered by students  
**gilgidaa** *adj* of a horse whose color is a mixture of white and black; see also *odolcha*  
**gilgilii** Same as *agalgilii*  
**gilindiftuu** See *gilindisuu*  
**gilindisa** See *gilindisuu*  
**gilindisaa** See *gilindisuu*  
**gilindisee** Same as *gilindiftuu* under *gilindisuu*  
**gilindisiisuu** See *gilindisuu*  
**gilindisuu** *iv* 1 gambol or skip about *cuuciin oolaa bakkee keessa*  
*gilindifti* The lamb kid is gamboling or skipping about in the field. 2 (fig) [used of a person] mill about or around, usu when entertaining guests; trample about, usu walk about in a room noisily *maaf asii fi achi gilindifti/gilindisti?* Why does she walk about (in the room) so noisily? **gilindiftuu** *adj, n* 1 (of female humans) hustler and bustler 2 a charming and lively woman **gilindisa** *n* hustle and bustle **gilindisaa** *adj, n* 1 (of male humans) hustler and bustler 2 a lively, good-looking man **gilindisiisuu** *tv* cause to hustle and bustle  
**gimbii** *n* 1 stone wall/house or stone fence 2 Same as *galma* (2) under *galuu*

**gimbisuu** *iv* dance and sing with a drum accompaniment, usu for religious purposes *eda gimbisaa bulan* They were dancing and singing all night last night.  
**gimboola** *n* 1 soccer/football game or ball 2 basket ball game or ball  
**gimfoo** Same as *jinfoo* (1)  
**gimijaa** See *gimijaawuu*  
**gimijaawuu** *iv* (usu applies to a palm of a hand) become callous or horny *barruun koo hojii dhaan gimijaaye* My palms are callous from manual work. **gimijaa** *n* callous/horn usu on the palms **gimijeessuu** *tv* cause to/make callous or horny *soqaatuu barruun koo gimijeesse* Digging made my palms callous/horny  
**gimijeessuu** See *gimijaawuu*  
**gimjaa** *n* colorful and gaudy cloth usu worn for religious reasons  
**gimoo** *adj, n* (usu of corn on the cob) one ear of corn *boqqolloo gimoo tokko wal weenanii waggaa tokko waliin oodani* (saying) They wouldn't talk to each other for one year after being jealous of each other over one corn on the cob [fighting over trivials]  
**gimxoo** *n* calculation; estimation **gimxoo buusuu** *tv* calculate or estimate  
**gindee** Same as *gindoo*  
**gindii** Same as *gindoo*  
**gindoo** *n* 1 beam of plough *gindoo dhaa fi waanjoo naa fidi* Bring me the beam of plow and the yoke.

2 Same as *baataa*<sup>1</sup> 3 Same as *gundoo*

**gingilchaa** See *gingilchuu*

**gingilchiisuu** See *gingilchuu*

**gingilchituu** See *gingilchuu*

**gingilchuu** *tv* strain, sieve, or sift,

i.e., put through a sieve in order to separate the fine from the coarse particles *qamadii*

*gingilchiti* She is sifting the wheat from the chaff. **gingilchaa** *n* 1

sieve 2 (fig) generous person

*haati isaa gingilchaa dha; ofii isetii*

*humaa achi hin keeyattu* His

mother is so generous that she

saves nothing for herself. 3 (fig)

not secretive, i.e., a person who

talks or spills the beans, i.e., one

who gives away information not

intended to be known *inni*

*gingilchaa dhaa dubbii dhoksaa itti*

*hin iminaa* He cannot keep

secrets, so don't tell him a secret.

**gingilchiisuu** *tv* cause to sieve

or strain **gingilfamuu** *tv*

(passive) be sieved or strained

**gingilfamuu** See *gingilchuu*

**gingilii** Same as *agalgilii*

**ginna** *n* 1 loosely plaited women's

hair flowing or hanging down

the back 2 butter

**ginoo** *n* roof or ceiling structure;

see also *baaxii*

**giphee namtti bu'uu** *tv* butt sb

with the head as rams do

*korbeessi oolaa giphee natti bu'ee na*

*ajjeesee oole* A ram butted me and

almost killed me.

**giphee wayitti bu'uu** *tv* butt sth

with the head as rams do

*korbeessi reettii kun maaliif mukatti*  
*giphee bu'a?* Why is this he goat  
butt a tree?

**girdoo** *n* curtain

**girgatii** fire place; hearth

**girgijjii** *n* built-in shelf

**girgiraa** *n* potsherd in which  
incense is burned

**girgirtaa** Same as *girgiraa*

**girgirtaa'uu** *iv* be at loss of what  
to do because under pressure of  
work

**girgirtaechuu** *tv* cause to be at a  
loss of what to do because one is  
under heavy pressure of work

**giroo** *n* business, concern, duty, or  
task; work *inni giroo keeti malee*

*giroo koo miti* That's your

business, not mine. *yoo barbaadde*

*kottu; yoo jibbite itti dhiisi, giroo*

*keeti* Come if you wish; if you

don't, it is your damn con-

cern, not mine.

**girrisaa** See *girrisuu*

**girrisuu** *iv* fly suddenly and in

group *simbirroon akkuma na*

*argiteen girrifte* or *girriste* The

birds flew away as soon as they

saw me. **girrisaa** *n* small birds

that flock together and usu ruin

sorghum crop

**gishee** *n* hair, usu of a goat *gishee*

*qaba hin urgufatu; afaan qaba hin*

*dubbatu* It has hair, it doesn't

shake out; it has a mouth

(tongue), but it does not speak or  
talk (saying) [idle and lazy]

**gissanuu** *tv* demolish a building,  
uproot fruit trees, and take them  
away when evicted from land

**gissillaa** Same as *gichillaa*  
**gita** See *gituu*  
**gita gitaan** See *gituu*  
**gitichaa** *n* basket, usu used for carrying garbage  
**gitummaa** See *gituu*  
**gituu** *iv* be equal to in age, strength, etc. *ijoolleen kun lamaan wal hin gitanu* These two children are not of equal age, strength, etc. **gita** *n* 1 equal *gita kee wajjin taphadhu* Play with your equals. 2 class *gita dafqaan bulaa* the working class **gita gitaan** *adv* classify on the basis of age, size, resemblance, etc. *boqqolloo isa gurgudaa fi isa shishifii addaan fooyii gita gitaan kaayi* Classify the corn on the basis of size (put the small ones in one place and the large ones in another place)  
**gitummaa** *n* equality; friendship based on equality  
**go'aa** *n* elephantiasis of the scrotum  
**gobaa** See *gobuu*  
**gobamuu** See *gobuu*  
**gobanii** *n* threshold of a doorway; see also *gulantaa* (1)  
**gobbaanii** *n* relationship between men who marry sisters *gobbaanii gadii firaa; ijoolleesheetu walii fira* Men who marry sisters are just friends, but their children are close relatives to each other.  
**gobbachuu** *iv* (usu of crops in the field) be too dense or thick, i.e., have a large number of units close together *boqqolloon isaa duraa gobbate* His corn crop

became too thick. **gobbina** *n* state of being clustered too close together, dense, or thick; thickness **gobbisuu** *tv* make dense/thick *boqqolloo gobbsisee facaase* He sowed the corn seeds too thick. **gobbuu** *adj* too dense/thick *boqqolloo, rifeensa, bosona gobbuu* thick corn/hair/forest

**gobbina** See *gobbachuu*  
**gobbisuu** See *gobbachuu*  
**gobbuu** See *gobbachuu*  
**gobee** Same as *alalee* (1)  
**goblaa** Same as *qoochoo*  
**gobeensa** Same as *shombqqoo*  
**gobo** Same as *iddaa* under *idduu*<sup>1</sup> (1)  
**gobocoroo** *n* vulture  
**gobsiisuu** See *gobuu*  
**gobuu** *tv* (usu used of thorn, stubble) 1 prick *gobaatu quba koo na gobe* A palm leaf thorn pricked my fingers. 2 Same as *rukutuu* or *dhaanuu* 3 Same as *gowwomsuu* under *gowwoomuu*  
**gobaa** *n* palm leaf thorn  
**gobamuu** *tv* (passive) be hit/beaten up or be pricked  
**gobsiisuu** *tv* cause to prick or beat up/hit  
**gocha** See *gochuu*  
**gochoo** *n* a large, earthen cooking pot  
**gochuu** Same as *godhuu*  
**goda** *adv* 1 down, i.e., a relatively lower place than where one is *goda bu'e* He has gone down. *goda dhaqii bishaan fidi* Go gown (to the river) and fetch water. 2

Same as *holqa* (1) under *holqaawuu* **godana** Same as *goda* above **godanaa** *adv* from a lower place *godanaa dhufti* She is coming up from a lower place. **godasi** Same as *goda* above **godasii** Same as *godanaa* above **goodaa** *adv* 1 foot, i.e., lower end of or opposite the head side *siree goodaa teesse* She sat at the foot of the bed. 2 (down) below *laga guddaatu mana koo goodaa jira* There is a big river down across my house. **goda** *adj* 1 (of clothes) plain, i.e., without any design on it *qamisiin isee godaa dha* Her dress is plain. 2 a variety of deer **godaana** Same as *godaansa* under *godaanuu* **godaannisa** *n* scar, i.e., a mark left on the skin following the healing of the skin **godaansa** See *godaanuu* **godaansisuu** See *godaanuu* **godaantuu** See *godaanuu* **godaanuu** *iv* abandon or leave a place, etc., *usu* in group; migrate; be transient *haadha manaa isaa arraa godaane* He abandoned his wife. *lafa koo arraa godaananii idoo biraatti galani* They moved from my land and settled elsewhere. *simbirroon ganna ganna ni/in godaanti* Birds migrate in winter. *addunyaan galaana; nama arraa godaana* (saying) Wealth is like flood; it is transient. **godaansa** *n* 1 moving cattle to a far away grazing spot,

*usu* during the rainy season 2 moving to a far off place to settle there **godaansisuu** *tv* 1 cause cattle to move to a far off grazing area 2 cause to migrate people **godaantuu** *n* migrant **godana** See *goda* **godanaa** See *goda* **godasi** See *goda* **godasii** See *goda* **godduu** Same as *aalbee* **godeessa** See *godoomuu* **godeettii** See *godoomuu* **godettummaa** See *godoomuu* **godhachuu** *iv, tv* 1 beget, have, or get a baby *eega dhabanii turanii booddee, mucaa dhiiraa godhatani* They got a son after being childless for a long time. 2 fruit, i.e., (usu of fruit trees) produce fruit *kookiin koo barana baay'ee godhateera* My peach tree has fruited well this year. *boqqolloon godhateera* The corn has eared. 3 recover, i.e., become healthy again *fayyaa godhatteetti* She has recovered from her illness. 4 get or develop sth, i.e., be infected with; be infested *dhukkuba gadhee godhate* He developed a bad disease. *kookiin raammoo godhate* The peaches have developed worms. *mucaan injiraan godhate* The child is infested with lice. 5 marry and settle down; settle down to married life *mana godhteera* He has married and settled down. 6 become serious after being frivolous, irresponsible, or after being

given to pleasure-seeking *mataa godhateera* He has become serious and responsible. 7 make friends; make a place one's permanent home *fira danuu godhateetti* She has made many friends. *Ameerikaa biyya isa godhateera* He has made the United States of America his permanent home.

**godhuu** *iv, tv* 1 commit a crime or make a mistake, etc.; do harm to, etc. *iseen maal goote isatu balleesse malee*. What has she done? He is at fault. *maaliif akkana itti dheekkamta, maal godhe/goote?* Why are you scolding him/her like that, what has he/she done? 2 do, i.e., busy oneself with *amma maal godhuutti/gochuutti jira* What is he doing now? 3 be of use or value *karaabaatiin maal godha?* What is the use of a necktie/tie? *kun asii maal godha?* What is this doing here? 4 (vulgar) make love to or sleep with a woman; see also *saluu gocha* *n* action; deed, i.e., sth bad or good that is done *gocha kee hin irraanfatin! abbaa keettan sii hima* Don't forget what you have done! I'll tell your father. **goosii** *n* (neologism) verb *himi goosii malee hima hin ta'u* A sentence cannot exist without a verb. **maal nama godhuu?** *tv* What power/ability does one have to harm sb? *hin sodaatin maal si godha/godhu/gooti?* Don't be afraid, what can he/they/she do

to you? *maal nu, isee, isa, jara godhu?* What can they do to us, her, him, or them? *qorichi kun humaa nan godhuu?* Won't this medicine do me any harm? *humaa sin(si hin) godhu* It won't do you any harm. **maal namaa godhuu?** *tv* what power/ability does one have to help/benefit sb? *maal naa, nuu, isaa, isee dhaa, jaraa godhu?* What can they do for me, us, him, her, them?

*humaa isaa hin godhanu* They can do nothing for him. *kun maal naa godha?* What will this do for me?

**godina** *n* administrative structure larger than *aanaa*

**godoo** *n* 1 a small hut or lodge, similar to a sentry box in function, usu built on a farm for a person who guards crops 2 a hovel *kun mana miti godoo dha malee* This is not a house, in the strict sense of the word; it's only a hovel. **godoo dhayichaa** *n* a weaver's hut where he has his loom **godoo seenuu** 1 enter a small hut 2 (applies to meat) go shares, i.e., agree to buy a bull, etc., with a group, slaughter it, and share the meat *ani godoon seena, atiwoo?* I'll go shares. What about you? See also *qirca* under *qircuu* **godoo simbiraa** Same as *mandhee* (1)

**godooma** Same as *godummaa* under *godoomuu*

**godoomsuu** See *godoomuu*

**godoomuu** *iv* (usu applies to persons) be ugly *namichi sun*



**heddu godoome** That man is very ugly. See also **fokkisuu**  
**godeessa** *adj* (of male humans) homely or plain, i.e., not attractive or good-looking, but not ugly either *namicha godeessa tokko jaal'attee wajjin badde* She loved a homely man and ran away with him. *iseenoo bareedduu dhaa maaliif godeessa kana akkan jaal'atti* Why does such a beautiful girl love this unattractive man so much?  
**godeessummaa** *n* (of male humans) homeliness  
*godeessummaa isaatiif itti eerumuu diddee?* Did she refuse to marry him because of his homeliness?  
**godeettii** *adj* (of female humans) homely or plain **godeettummaa** *n* (of female humans) homeliness  
**godoomsuu** *tv* cause to be plain, homely, or ugly *Waaqatu akkana godoomsee isa uumee*. It's God that made him homely. **godummaa** *n* (of persons) homeliness  
*godummaa malee beekumsa qaba/qabdi* In spite of his /her homeliness, he /she is wise.  
**godummaa** See **godoomuu**  
**goduu** *adj* (of persons and animals) many *daljeessa goduutu midhaanitti nam'e* Many baboons swarmed into the crop.  
**go'ee** *adj* (of females) decrepit; old *jaartii go'ee* a decrepit, old woman  
**gofa** *n* corn stalk above the corn ear  
**gofa'uu** Same as *soquu* (1)

**gofla** Same as *qoochoo*  
**goflaa** *n* sore or wound that doesn't heal, probably cancer  
**goflola** *n* skeleton  
**gofocuu** Same as *gofa'uu*  
**gofonnonsuu** See **gofonnonuu**  
**gofonnonuu** *iv* (usu applies to fatty food) be revolting; *jar*, i.e., have a sudden and bad effect on  
**gofonnonsuu** *tv* (sight of fatty food) turn the stomach *coomni kun na gofonnonse* This fat meat turned my stomach.  
**gogaa**<sup>1</sup> See *goguu*  
**gogaa**<sup>2</sup> *n* 1 hide or pelt **gogaa irraa fuudhuu** *tv* skin, i.e., remove the skin from *hoola kana eenyu gogaa irraa fuudha?* Who will skin this (slaughtered) lamb?  
2 skin or leather 3 rind, i.e., covering of certain fruits  
**gogduu** See *goguu*  
**gogeessa** *n* a period of forty years; forty-year cycle  
**gogeettii** *n* land surface above tree line / timber line  
**gogfachuu** See *goguu*  
**gogfamuu** See *goguu*  
**goggocoroo** Same as *gobocoroo*  
**goggogaa** See *goguu*  
**goggogduu** (repeatedly) Same as *gogduu*  
**goggogfachuu** (repeatedly) Same as *gogfachuu* under *goguu*  
**goggogfamuu** (repeatedly) Same as *gogfamuu* under *goguu*  
**goggogsuu** See *goguu*  
**goggoguu** See *goguu*

**gogii** *n* disease of buds or shoots of crops such as corn, barley, wheat, etc.

**goginsa** Same as *beela*

**gogolee** *adj* (usu of animals) sickly, i.e., frequently ill or in poor health *sa'a gogolee* a sickly cow

**gogora** Same as *gorora*

**gogorrii** *n* partridge or francolin

**gogsiisuu** See *goguu*

**gogsuu** See *goguu*

**goguu** *iv* 1 be/become dry *wayyaan kun hin gogne* These clothes have not dried. 2 dry up *bishaan laga kanaa eega gogee tureera* It has been a long time since the stream dried up. 3 wilt; wither *gatii bokkaan bade margi goge* The grass withered up because of the absence of rain.

**gogaa** *adj* dry *arma gogaa* breast with out milk *baala gogaa* a dry leaf *arraba gogaa natti haasa'aa oole* He gave me nothing to eat or drink (lit dry tongue); he just talked and talked with me all day. **gogduu** (usu of female or diminutive) *adj* 1 dry *mukattii gogduu kana muruu wayya* It's better to cut this useless, dry tree. 2 thin; skinny *intala gogduu a skinny girl* **gogfachuu** *tv* dry for self *wayyaa koo gogfadheen dhufa* I will dry my clothes for self and come. **gogfamuu** *tv* be/become dried **goggogaa** *adj* (modifies pl noun) 1 dry *baala goggogaa* dry leaves 2 (of male humans) decrepit and emaciated *jaarsa*

*goggogaa* an emaciated old man

**goggogduu** *adj* (usu of female animals or persons; also diminutive and pl) emaciated; skinny; thin *jabbilee goggogduu lamatu asiin darbe* Two emaciated calves passed this way.

**goggogsuu** *tv* (usu pl) 1 cause to/make dry or be emaciated *sangaa koo marga dhabatu goggogse* Lack of grass made my ox skinny *baala timboo goggogsee achi kaaye* He dried the tobacco leaves and put them aside. 2 (usu of fingers) freeze *qorri kun quba koo goggogsee* This cold has frozen my fingers. **goggoguu** *iv* (usu pl) 1 wilt; wither *baalli goggogeera* The leaves have withered up. 2 (usu of hides; pelts) be or become wrinkled or warp *gogaan goggogee dacha'uu dide* The pelt is so warped (in the hot sun) that it would not stretch. 3 (usu of fingers) freeze *qubi koo goggogeera* My fingers have frozen. **gogsiisuu** *tv* cause to dry **gogsuu** *tv* dry *wayyaa aduutti baasii gogsi* Take out the clothes and dry them in the sun.

**gojjola** See *gojjoluu*

**gojjoluu** *tv* roast meat by placing it on a high wooden grill under which fire is burned to produce heat that barbecues the meat *foon booyyee gojjola* He is barbecuing pork. **gojjola** *adj* roast meat *gojjola booyyee* roast pork

**gojoma'uu** Same as *gunja'uu*

**gojoo** Same as *godoo*

**gola** *n* 1 kitchen *dhiirri gola hin lixu*

A man is not supposed to enter a kitchen (because, traditionally, it is a woman's domain). 2 a stall within a house **golaa bawuu** *iv* leave, after a period of time fixed by tradition, a bride's private room or a place of confinement after giving birth **gola fardaa**, **gola hoolaa**, **gola jabbii** a stall for horses, sheep, calves **gola saayinsii** *n* (neologism) school, college, or university laboratory 3 Same as *gogaa*<sup>2</sup> (1)

**golba** *n* a depression or a rift valley *sa'i lafa golba keessa dheedaa jiru kanaaf sitti hin mul'anne* The cattle are grazing in the valley; that's why you cannot see them (from here).

**golbaa** *n* cattle disease; see also *abbaa gorbaa*

**golbeessuu** *tv* bend sth into the shape of an arch, a bow, or a curve *billaa koo naa golbeessee naa hojjate* He bent my knife into the shape of a bow for me. **golboo** *adj* 1 curved *sangaan koo gaanfi isaa golboo dha* My ox's horns are curved. 2 (of utensils) bowl-shaped *saanii golboo* a hollow, bowl-shaped dish 3 Same as *gola jabbii* under *gola*

**golboo** See *golbeessuu*

**golca** *adj, n* (of meat) gristly, leathery or stringy; poor quality meat *foon golca kana eessaa fidde?* From where did you get this gristly meat?

**golee** Same as *golgee*

**golfa** *n* diety/divinity that is believed to dwell in some individuals and makes them dance, shake, etc.

**golfaa** *n* typhus

**golfaa** See *golfafuu*

**golfafuu** *iv* be awkward or clumsy, usu because of large size clothes on a small frame **golfaa** *adj* (of a person) awkward; clumsy, usu because clothes don't fit him/her right or properly

**golfofaa** Same as *golfaa* under *golfafuu*

**golga** See *golguu*

**golgachuu** See *golguu*

**golgamuu** See *golguu*

**golgee** See *golguu*

**golgola** Same as *golgoleessa* under *golgolaawuu*

**golgolaawuu** Same as *golgolaawuu*  
**golgolaawuu** *iv* 1 become dusk or evening *golgolaayeera horii galchaa* It has become dusk; bring in the animals. 2 look sick and dejected *mucaan/sangaan kun ni/in golgolaaye; maal ta'ee laata?* This child/ox looks sick and dejected; what is wrong with him/hir/it? **golgolaayaa** *adj* sick and dejected **golgoleessa** *n* dusk *golgoleessa dhufe* He came around dusk. **golgolooftuu** *adj* (of persons) unhappy, dejected, frowning, cheerless, or gloomy  
**golgolaayaa** See *golgolaawuu*  
**golgoleessa** See *golgolaawuu*  
**golgoleessuu** *tv* finish off; finish completely *golfaan ganda kana*

*lixee golgoleesse* Typhus finished off the people of this village.  
*daljeessi midhaan kootti nam'ee midhaan koo golgoleesse* The baboons finished up my crop.  
**golgolooftuu** See *golgolaawuu*  
**golguu** *tv* hide **golga** *n* curtain  
**golgachuu** *tv* hide/cover for self; cover the head; see also *aguuggachuu* **golgamuu** *tv* (passive) **1** be hidden or covered **2** coil; twine; see also *marmuu* under *maruu* **golgee** *n* **1** living room *golgee taa'i* Sit in the living room. **2** corner in the kitchen i.e., enclosed or partitioned part in a room *durbi ifa hin teessu; golgee malee* Girls don't sit where they are seen; they sit in a corner that hides them from being seen by strangers, especially young men. **3** curtain; see also *golga* above  
**goljabbii** Same as *gola jabbiii* under *gola*  
**gollaa** *n* pelt of cattle  
**gollobaa** *n* cattle disease  
**gollobuu** Same as *waxawwaxuu*  
**golloo**<sup>1</sup> *n* **1** partition between the kitchen and the backyard **2** Same as *gebexii*  
**golloo**<sup>2</sup> Same as *jifaaree*  
**golloxaawuu** *iv* be skinny/thin as a result of old age  
**golmaa** *n* (usu of ox) nape or scruff, i.e., a fold of skin between the hump and the neck region  
**gololcha** Same as *qilxuu*  
**gololee**<sup>1</sup> Same as *sulula*

**gololee**<sup>2</sup> **1** curved, cattle horn that touches the neck **2** Same as *geengoo* under *geengessuu*  
**gololee**<sup>3</sup> Same as *sondii*  
**golollee** *n* wheel  
**golom'isuu** *iv* **1** be awkward/clumsy; bend or stoop usu while walking *maaliif akkana golom'isaa?* Why is he so awkward/Why does he stoop like that when he walks? **2** (usu of babies just beginning to walk) toddle *mucaan koo atuu hin daa'imin golom'ise* My baby toddled before crawling!  
**goloo urgee** *n* a hut where bread is baked, and where spicy relishes are prepared  
**golxa** Same as *golca*  
**goma** *n* health and wellbeing  
**gom'a** See *gom'uu*  
**gom'aa** See *gom'uu*  
**gomaasuu** Same as *dhudhawuu*  
**gomara**<sup>1</sup> Same as *qoonqoo* (**1**)  
**gomara**<sup>2</sup> *adj, n* **1** (usu of a person) strong **2** a kind of dance similar to shaggooyyee  
**goma'uu** *tv* dig or weed (with a small pick) *gomoo dhaan boqqolloo goma'an* They weeded the corn with a small wooden pick.  
**gomoo** *n* small (usu wooden) pick for digging or weeding  
**gombifachuu** See *gombisuu*  
**gombiftuu** Same as *gombisaa* (**2**)  
**gombisa** Same as *gugsii*  
**gombisaa** *n* **1** large granary, usu thatched and built outside near houses **2** lid for griddle usu used when baking *buddeenaa*

**gombisamuu** See *gombisuu*  
**gombisii** *n* overthrow *gombisii mootummaa* Mangistuu the overthrow of Mengistuu's government  
**gombisiisuu** See *gombisuu*  
**gombisoo** Same as *gugsii*  
**gombistuu** See *gombisuu*  
**gombisuu** *tv* 1 turn sth over, i.e., place or put things like baskets, cups, glasses, plates, pots, etc., upside down *shiinii gombisii achi kaayi* Turn over the coffee cups (on the tray) and put the tray away. 2 cover sth by putting it under sth turned over *cuucii indaaqqootti gingilchaa gombiste /gombifte* She turned the sieve over and put the chicks under it.  
**gombifachuu** *tv* 1 turn sth over for self 2 hit sth and cause it to fall **gombisamuu** *tv* (passive) 1 be spilled 2 fall and touch the ground head first **gombisiisuu** *tv* cause to/make turn sth over  
**gombistuu** *n* Same as *gombisaa* (2)  
**gomboo** *n* 1 small jar 2 Same as *geengoo* under *geengessuu* 3 heavy cotton blanket  
**gomboobaa** Same as *duufaa* under *duufuu*  
**gomboobsuu** Same as *duuffisuu* under *duufuu*  
**gomboobuu** Same as *duufuu*  
**gombora** *n* testicles of wild animals *waraabessi gombora arbaa kajeela* (saying) A hyena wishes to have a testicle of an elephant [unrealistic]

**gomboree** *n* grayish soil  
**gomcee** Same as *kormee*  
**gom'isiisuu** See *gom'uu*  
**gom'ituu** See *gom'uu*  
**gomjaa** Same as *gunjaa* under *gunja'uu*  
**gomja'uu** Same as *gunja'uu*  
**gomjii** 1 Same as *gunjaa* under *gunja'uu* 2 Same as *gemmao*  
**gommaa** *n* tyre/tier *gommaan nu duraa dhoonaan karaa bullee* We had to stop off overnight on the way because we had a flat tyre/tier.  
**gommooolaa** See *gommoooluu*  
**gommooltuu** See *gommoooluu*  
**gommoooluu** *iv* stoop, usu while walking *yammuu adeemu ni/in gommoola* When he walks, he stoops. **gommooolaa** *adj* (of male humans) stooping *namicha gommooolaa tokkotu asiin darbe* A stooping man passed this way.  
**gommooltuu** *adj* (of persons) stooping  
**gomoo**<sup>1</sup> *n* 1 Same as *godoo* 2 a snare or trap for catching birds  
**gomoo**<sup>2</sup> See *goma'uu*  
**gomoollee** *n* grazing field  
**gom'uu** *iv* be depressed, despondent, pensive, or sad *yaroo hundumaa maaliif gom'iti?* Why is she always sad? **gom'a** *n* sadness; sorrow **gom'aa** *adj* (of a male human) sad; depressed; despondent; pensive  
**gom'isiisuu** *tv* cause to/make sad **gom'ituu** *adj* (of a female human) sad, despondent; pensive; depressed

**gonboo** Same as *gomboo* (1)  
**gonboobuu** *iv* stoop/bend  
**gondaa** Same as *goondaa*  
**gondola** *n* genitals  
**gondolcha** See *gondolchuu*  
**gondolchamuu** See *gondolchuu*  
**gondolchiisuu** See *gondolchuu*  
**gondolchuu** *tv* 1 (usu applies to cows) lick the genitals or the butts of calves *saanii jabbii*  
*gondolchiti* The cow is licking the calf. 2 Same as *qirqirsuu*  
**gondolcha** *n* 1 licking 2 tickling  
**gondolchamuu** *tv* (passive) [of a calf] be licked by a cow or be tickled  
**gondolchiisuu** *tv* cause to/make lick or to tickle  
**gondolfamuu** Same as *gondolchamuu* under *gondolchuu*  
**gonfa** *n* 1 an opening of or a socket of a spear, an ax, etc., where the handle is inserted 2 ornament or anything that adds to one's beauty  
**gonfa eeboo** Same as *jinfuu*  
**gonfachuu** See *gonfuu*  
**gonfamuu** See *gonfuu*  
**gonfoo** See *gonfuu*  
**gonfuu** *tv* decorate clothes by sewing beads and other ornaments on it  
**gonfachuu** *tv* 1 wear or put on a hat, usu made of pelt  
*gonfoo gonfatee leenca of fakkeesse* He put on a pelt hat and made himself look like a lion. 2 obtain  
*bilissummaa gonfataniiruu* They have obtained their freedom.  
**gonfamuu** *tv* (passive) [of clothes] be decorated  
**gonfoo** *n* hat, usu made of pelt

**gongaa** Same as *bidiruu*  
**gongaa gaayyaa** Same as *dhagaa gaayyaa* under *dhagaa*  
**gonjaa** Same as *gunjaa* under *gunja'uu*  
**gonjaasisuu** Same as *gunjaasisuu* under *gunja'uu*  
**gonjaree** *n* ant  
**gonja'uu** Same as *gunja'uu*  
**gonkii** Same as *gonkuma*  
**gonkisaa** See *gonkisuu*  
**gonkisee** See *gonkisuu*  
**gonkisiisuu** See *gonkisuu*  
**gonkisuu** *iv* be difficult, stubborn, or tough  
*gurbaan kun ni/in gonkise; waan namni isatti himu hin dhagawu* This boy is stubborn; he won't listen to people's advice.  
**gonkii** *adv* never  
*gonkii dha ani waan akkanaa hin hojjadhu* I will never do a thing like that.  
**gonkisaa** *adj* difficult, or stubborn  
*gurbaa gonkisaa* a stubborn boy  
**gonkisee** *adj* (of a female human) difficult and stubborn  
**gonkisiisuu** *tv* cause to be stubborn  
**gonkoo**<sup>1</sup> Same as *gonkisee* under *gonkisuu*  
**gonkoo**<sup>2</sup> Same as *gonkuma*  
**gonkuma** *adv* never; not at all  
*gonkuma saba koo hin ganu* I will never betray my people.  
**gonnee** Same as *cinaan*  
**gonnoffee** *n* 1 aromatic plant, the leaves of which are used for healing sores or wounds 2 Same as *marxoo* under *marxifachuu*

**gonnonnaawuu** *iv* 1 cling, clutch, or freeze on to sth, i.e., hold tight and refuse to let go *natti*  
**gonnonnaaye** He clung to me. 2 wrinkle, i.e., form wrinkles  
**gonnonneessuu** *tv* tie sth fast, firm, or secure *hattuu qabanii harka isaa walitti gonnonneessanii hidhanii fuudhanii deeman* They caught a thief, tied his hands together firmly, and took him away. **gonnonnooftuu** *adj* of persons who cling and refuse to let go; wiry or lean and sinewy *gurbattiin gonnonnooftuun kun yoo si qabde sin gadhiiftu* Once this wiry little boy holds you, you can't free yourself from his grip.  
**gonnonneessuu** See *gonnonnaawuu*  
**gonnonnooftuu** See *gonnonnaawuu*  
**gonnoo** *n* penis/testicles of animals  
**gonofee** *n* a basket  
**gonofuu** *tv* take much more than one is allowed to *boqqolloo xinnoo fudhu jennaaniin na gonofee deeme* I told him to take some corn, but he took a lot more than he should have and went away.  
**gooba** *n* (usu of cattle's or camel's) hump  
**goobaa**<sup>1</sup> See *gobuu*  
**goobaa**<sup>2</sup> *adj* (of young bull or ox) strong  
**gooba'aa** See *gooba'uu*  
**goobana** See *goobanuu*  
**goobanuu** *iv* (used of the moon) wax, i.e., become a full moon *ji'i*

*goobanteetti* It is a full moon now.  
**goobana** *adj* (of the moon) full *ji'a goobana* a full moon  
**gooba qeerroo** *n* 1 mumps 2 a disease that makes breathing difficult, probably asthma 3 (applies to voice of a fourteen-year old boy) voice breaking  
**gooba'uu** *iv* 1 bow or stoop, usu with age *akkoon isaa dulloomtee*  
*goobofte* His grandmother stooped with age. 2 bend, i.e., become curved or angular *muki kun gooba'eera* This tree/wood has bent (down). **gooba'aa** *adj* (usu of male humans) bent or stooping **goobessuu** *tv* cause sth to bend *muka kana goobessii futtaasee tolfadhu* Bend this stick and make a bow (for an arrow).  
**gooboo** *adj, n* 1 hunch-backed or humpbacked *namicha gooboo* a hunch-backed man 2 bent or crooked *ulee gooboo* a bent stick 3 Same as *futtaasee*; see also *laahoo*  
**gooboftuu** *adj* (of persons) bent or stooping *namicha/niitii gooboftuu* a stooping man or woman  
**goobbuu** *adj* 1 Same as *gobbuu* under *gobbachuu* 2 many *sa'a goobbuu qabdi* She has many head of cattle.  
**goobee** Same as *giifatoo*  
**goobessuu** See *gooba'uu*  
**goobloo** *n* torch  
**gooboftuu** See *gooba'uu*  
**gooboo** See *gooba'uu*

**goobuu** *adju, tv* 1 disobedient, headstrong; recalcitrant 2 Same as *furdachuu*  
**gooda** See *gooduu*  
**goodaa** 1 See *goda* 2 Same as *bakkee* (1)  
**goodamaa** See *gooduu*  
**goodamuu** See *gooduu*  
**goodarree** *n* dasheen, eddo, or taro [*colocasia esculenta*]; the root of this plant  
**gooddoo** *adj* (usu of baboons or monkeys; also applies to men who build their houses far away from a group) companionless, lone, or solitary, i.e., one that leaves the group and strays  
*daljeessa gooddoo* a lone baboon  
**goodisiisuu** See *gooduu*  
**gooduu** *tv* 1 hem or embroider, usu cloth or gourd *qabeetti goodde* She embroidered the gourd.  
*qamisii isee gooddee uffatti* She hems, i.e., folds over her dress at the edge, sews, and wears it.  
**gooda** *n* embroidery **goodamaa** *adj* hemmed or embroidered  
**goodamuu** *tv* (passive) be embroidered or hemmed  
**goodisiisuu** *tv* cause to embroider or hem  
**goofa** Same as *guufoo* under *guufa'uu*  
**goofaa** *n* upper part of corn stalk  
**goofaree** See *goofareessuu*  
**goofareessuu** *tv* let hair grow long, usu upright or straight  
*mataa isaa aaddachuu dhiisee*  
*goofareesse* Instead of shaving his hair, he let it grow long.

**goofaree** *n* long hair style resembling Afro-wig  
**goofata** *n* chat, i.e., friendly and informal talk  
**goofichoo** *n* a kind of tree  
**goofoo** *n* cultivated land which is ready for growing crop  
**gooftaa** *n* 1 master, i.e., formally an owner of a slave; employer 2 a man of riches, wealth, or high social status 3 a term of address or endearment 4 Lord or God  
**gooftummaa** *n* affluence or state of being wealthy *gooftummaa isaa hundatu beeka* Everybody knows that he is wealthy and that he is a man of a high social status  
**gooftummaa** See *gooftaa*  
**googgoo** *n* hive; see also *gaagura*  
**gooha** See *gooluu*  
**gooluu** *iv* make noise *godanaa waatu gooha* Something is making noise down here. **gooha** *n* noise  
**goojee**<sup>1</sup> *adj* of a person believed to have an evil eye with which he/she can harm others; see also *budaa*  
**goojee**<sup>2</sup> *n* assembly; meeting  
**goolabuu** Same as *xumuruu*  
**goolamaa** See *gooluu*  
**goolamtuu** See *gooluu*  
**goolamuu** See *gooluu*  
**goolee**<sup>1</sup> *adj* clever; smart  
**goolee**<sup>2</sup> See *gooluu*  
**goolii** See *gooluu*  
**goolloo**<sup>1</sup> 1 Same as *jifaaree* 2 Same as *duumeessa*  
**goolloo**<sup>2</sup> *adj* (of an object) crooked



**gooluu** *tv* 1 drive, hurry, or rush sb/sth too much *sa'a hin goolin*; *qalbii dhaan ha deemanu* Don't rush the cattle; let them go slowly. 2 fan the fire *abidda itti hin goolin*; *qalbiin ha boba'u* Don't fan the fire; let it burn slowly.

**goolamaa** *adj* (usu of male humans) hustling and bustling *namichi goolamaan kun ofii goolamee nama goola* This bustling and hustling man, not only himself, but he also makes others restless **goolamtuu** *adj* (usu of female humans) hustling and bustling; restless **goolamuu** *iv* bustle, hurry, and hustly *atuu goolamtuu uuroo isee cabsite* She broke her jar while she was in a hurry. **goolee** *adj* of a male human who likes to fight and start a commotion; belligerent *namichi gooleen kun idduma argamutti goolii kaasuu jaal'ata* This belligerent man likes to create commotion wherever he goes. **goolii** *n* brawl, commotion, disturbance, or fight *eega machayaanii booddee goolii kaasan* They started a brawl after they had gotten drunk *eenyutu goolii kaase?* Who started the brawl?

**goomachiisuu** See *goomachuu*

**goomachuu** *tv* envy; be jealous, be resentful of someone's success *qabeenya kootiif na goomatu* They are jealous of me because of my wealth. **goomachiisuu** *tv* cause to be jealous or envious *qabeenya koo itti himanii na goomachiisan*

They made him jealous of me by telling him about my wealth.

**goomataa** *adj* (of a male human) envious or jealous *inni goomataa dhaa qabeenya kee itti hin himin* Don't tell him about your wealth; he is jealous **goomattuu** *adj* (of persons) envious or jealous **goomii** *n* jealousy or envy

**goomaraa** See *goomaruu*

**goomaruu** *iv* roar like a lion; have a deep voice **goomaraa** *n* deep voice

**goomataa** See *goomachuu*

**goomattuu** See *goomachuu*

**goomee** *n* wrist; see also *buusaa arkaa* under *bu'uu*

**goomii** See *goomachuu*

**goommada** Same as *raafuu*

**goommana** See *raafuu*

**goommessuu** *tv* build or construct a house or a hut carelessly for temporary use *godoo xinnoo tokko naa goomesse* He built me a small hut for temporary use only

**goomoo** Same as *dallaa*

**goomtaa** (expression) [used with 2<sup>nd</sup> person, sing in greeting] how are you? *abbee akkam bulte, goomtaa?* Good morning pal (my friend), how are you?

**goomtuu**<sup>1</sup> (expression) [used with 2<sup>nd</sup> person, honorific/pl] how are you? *ijoollee akkam ooltan, goomtuu?* Good afternoon children, how are you?

**goomtuu**<sup>2</sup> *adj* (of females) respectable *haati isaa goomtuu dha*. His mother is respectable.

**goomuu** *iv* 1 lead a carefree and a comfortable life because of wealth and health *jarri rakkoo maalii qabu*; *goomanii jiraatu* They have no problems; they lead a comfortable, carefree life. 2 Same as *wayyaawuu*

**goondaa** Same as *jaamaa*<sup>1</sup>; see also *gondaa*

**goonoo** *n* place for milking cows

**goopha'uu** Same as *gooba'uu*

**goophoo** Same as *gooboo* under *gooba'uu*

**goorana** *n* 1 Same as *dagalee* 2 Same as *goorannoo*

**goorannoo** *n* a place where sheep and goats sleep at night

**gooranoo** Same as *goorannoo*

**goordhessuu** *tv* cause to be skinny or thin

**goor duba** short form for *goorroo duuba*

**gooree** *n* a place or stall where calves sleep at night

**gooroo** Same as *gooruu*<sup>2</sup>

**goorroo**<sup>1</sup> Same as *gooroo*

**goorroo**<sup>2</sup> *n* partition that separates the kitchen from the living room

**goorroo duuba** *n* living room

**gooruu**<sup>1</sup> Same as *goorannoo*

**gooruu**<sup>2</sup> *n* hill-ock, knoll, mound; small hill *gooruutti ol bayee na waame* He climbed a hill and called me.

**goosii** See *godhuu*

**goosinaa** *n* a kind of mouse/rat

**goosuu** *n* 1 Same as *oosuu* under *oo'uu* 2 a kind of tree the leaf or the red bead-like fruit of which is worn on the forehead of a

killer of big game *baala goosuu baqaffattee*; *isa boossuuf ishoo obboo koo*, *isa oortuuf бага argatte* My brother, I'm glad you are now able to wear the *goosuu* leaf (symbol of virility), your burning desire.

**goota** *adj, n* (of male humans) brave, courageous, daring, hero, or intrepid *iseen niitii gootaati* She is a wife of a brave man.

**gootummaa** *n* bravery, courage, or intrepidity

**gootummaa** See *goota*

**gootuu** *n* whirlpool, i.e., a spot in a river with circular currents that pull swimmers or objects down into it

**goo'uu** *iv* cluster or swarm; teem with *tisiisii lafa gataan jiruutti* *goo'uu jaal'atti* Flies like to swarn where there is a garbage.

**goowaa** *n* (applies to humans and animals) artery or blood vessel between the foot and the back of the knee

**goowuu** *iv* (applies to cattle that detect a place where a member of their species is slaughtered) howl or wail, i.e., utter mournful sound while goring/scratching the ground, and at the same time sticking their tongues out *lafa sa'i qalamteetti sangaan goowe* The ox wailed and moaned after detecting a spot where a bovine animal had been slaughtered.

**gophee** Same as *giphee*

**gophoo** Same as *gooboo* under *gooba'uu*

**gora** See *goruu*

**goraa** *n* raspberry, i.e., plant or fruit

**goraadee** *n* sword

**gorba** *n* 1 many *sa'a gorba* many cows 2 a fully grown calf *gorbaa fi sa'a* calves and cows

**gorbobaawuu** *iv* (takes *walitti*) *iv* bunch up, cluster together, crowd together, or huddle *walitti* *gorbobayanii taa'anii* They clustered together and sat.

**gorboo** *n* a stable, usu a section in the house where horses are fed *farda gorboo keessaa baasii alatti hidhi* Take the horse out of the stable and tie him to sth outside.

**gorboota** *n* leather basket in which things like soil and fertilizers are put and loaded on a donkey's back

**gordii** *n* irrigation grown crop

**gordoman** *n* roofed structure, usu for keeping beehives and bees

**gordomoo** Same as *gordoman*

**gor duuba** Same as *gorroo duuba*

**gorfachuu** See *gorsuu*

**gorfamaa** See *gorsuu*

**gorfamuu** Same as *gorsamuu* under *gorsuu*

**gorfoo** *n* women's leather dress

**gormuu** Same as *daalifuu*

**gorobee** *n* deity or spirit believed to dwell or reside in an unmarried girl's body

**goroffocuu** Same as *waraanuu*

**goromsa** *n* 1 heifer 2 a new born, female calf *sa'i koo goromsa dhalte* My cow gave birth to a female calf.

**goromtii** *adj*, *n* 1 a young female animal that has not yet given birth (usu ewe, she-goat, or heifer) 2 pullet, i.e., young hen that has not laid eggs yet. 3 new born, ewe, she-goat, or female calf *hoolaan koo goromti dhalte* My ewe dropped a female lamb. 4 a young coffee tree; cf., *dongoo*

**gorophee** *n* a kind of tree

**gorora** See *gororuu*

**gororaawuu** Same as *gororuu*

**gororooftuu** Same as *gorortuu* under *gororuu*

**gororrii** Same as *gogorrii*

**gororsiisuu** See *gororuu*

**gorortuu** See *gororuu*

**gororuu** *iv*, *tv* 1 dribble, drool, slobber, or salivate *mucaan kun maaliif akkana gorora laata?* Why does this baby drool so much? 2 (usu applies to wet firewood) emit, exude, or ooze *muki jiidhaan ni/in gorora malee dafee hin boba'uu* Wet firewood does not burn easily; instead, it emits/oozes liquid. **gorora** *n* drivel, drool, saliva, or slobber **gororsiisuu** *tv* cause to/make drool, salivate, or slobber *qorichi ani har'a ganama dhuge na gororsiise* The medicine I took this morning made me salivate excessively. **gorortuu** *adj* slobbery

**gorooshoo** Same as *uuroo*

**gorra'uu** *tv* 1 slit the throat; slaughter, usu kill animals for food *kottuu hoolaa kana naa gorra'i* Come and slaughter this sheep

for me. 2 (fig) slaughter or kill sb brutally *diina isaa gorra'e* He cut his enemies throat.

**gorresuu** *tv* injure or hurt physically *gorsaan adabuu dhiisee mucaa isaa gorrese* Instead of disciplining his child through advice, he injured him/her physically.

**gorro duuba** *n* living room

**gorsa** See *gorsuu*

**gorsachuu** Same as *gorfachuu* under *gorsuu*

**gorsamaa** Same as *gorfamaa*

**gorsamu** See *gorsuu*

**gorsiisuu** See *gorsuu* and *goruu*

**gorsituu** See *gorsuu*

**gorsuu** *tv* 1 advise, counsel, i.e., tell sb what to do, what not to do, how to behave, how not to behave, etc., *ilmi kee akka inni intala sana hin fuune gorsi* Advise your son against marrying that girl. 2 agitate, incite, rouse, or turn sb against sb *haadha manaa koo gorsanii na jalaa baasani* They turned my wife against me and made her leave me. **gorfachuu** *tv* advise/counsel for self *ilma isaa gorfatee beekaa?* Has he ever advised his son (for self)?

**gorfamaa** *adj* advised; agitated; incited **gorsa** *n* advice, counsel *gorsi namaa kennamuu dhugaa arratti hundaawuu qaba* Any counsel/advice that is given should be based on principles, truths, and facts **gorsamuu** *tv* (passive) be advised/counseled; be incited, usu to rise against sb,

etc. *haati manaa koo ni/in gorsamtee/gorfamtee fakkaata; geeddaramtteetti* My wife has changed; may be she has been advised to be against me.

**gorsiisuu** *tv* cause to or make sb advise sb *jaarsatti himii isee gorsiisi* Tell the elders to advise her. **gorsituu** *n* counselor

**goruu** *iv* 1 stop off/stop over, i.e., interrupt one's course or journey for a brief visit or stay *awuu gabaa dhaa deebitu asi gorii darbi* Stop off at our place on your way home from the market. 2 move, i.e., make way *karaarraa (karaa arraa) gori* Make way. *harreerraa (harree arraa) gori* Make way for the donkey (otherwise, the load on its back will hit you).

**gorsiisuu** *tv* cause to or make stop over *yoo inni dideyyuu kadhadh<sup>h</sup>uu gorsiisi* Even if he refuses, beg him and make him stop over. See also *maquu*

**gosa** *n* 1 race; tribe *nuyi gosa Waarsuuti* We are Waarsuu tribe 2 breed, genus, kind, or species *gosi sa'a kanaa beekamaa dhaa?* Is this cow's breed well known? See also *qomoo*

**gosee** Same as *godoo* (1, 2)

**gosollaawuu** Same as *rakkachuu*

**gossobilaa** Same as *bassoobilaa*

**gowaa** Same as *go'aa*

**gowwaa** See *gowwoomuu*

**gowwooma** Same as *gowwuma* under *gowwomuu*

**gowwoomsuu** See *gowwoomuu*

**gowwoomuu** *iv* be foolish, silly, stupid, or unwise, i.e., be without reason, sense or good judgement *nan gowwoome malee atuun awus bitadhee naa wayya ture* It was foolish of me not to have bought it then. **gowwaa** *adj* (of persons) foolish, gullible, imbecile, silly, or simpleton *namichi gowwaan kun waan itti himanu hunda amana* This gullible man believes whatever one tells him. *gowwaa kofalchii-sanii ilkaan lakkaawu* (proverb) One makes an unsuspecting person laugh and count his/her teeth. **gowwoomsuu** *tv* bamboozle, beguile, deceive, delude, dupe, fool, hoax, hoodwink, humbug, kid, spoof, swindle, throw dust in a person's eyes, pull a fast one, or trick *na gowwoomsee waan gatii hin qabne natti gurgure* He duped me and sold me trash/a lemon. **gowwuma** *n* foolishness *gowwuma iseetiif isee jibbe* He hated her because of her foolishness.

**gowwuma** See *gowwoomuu*

**gowwummaa** Same as *gowwuma* under *gowwoomuu*

**gu'aa** See *gu'uu*

**gubaa** See *gubuu*

**gubaala** *n* sth said in jest, i.e., not serious

**gubaalessa** *n* a tree that survives after all its leaves are burned

**gubachuu** See *gubuu*

**gubamuu** See *gubuu*

**gubanii** Same as *gobanii*

**guba qeerroo** *n* mumps

**gubataa** See *gubuu*

**gubattuu** See *gubuu*

**gubbaa** *adv, prep* 1 on; on the top of *adurreen mana gubbaa jirti* There is a cat on the roof. *siree gubbaa kaayi* Put it on the bed. 2 the higher/upper part of a town, city, or place; uptown *gubbaa baye* He went uptown.

**gubbachuu** Same as *gobbachuu*

**gubbana** Same as *gubbaa* (2)

**gubbanaa** *adv* from higher town, place, etc.; from uptown **gubbanaa dhufti** She is coming from uptown/up place.

**gubbasi** Same as *gubbaa* (2)

**gubbasii** Same as *gubbanaa*

**gubbee**<sup>1</sup> Same as *okolee*

**gubbee**<sup>2</sup> *n* 1 crown, i.e., top of the head 2 (fig) zenith *aduun gubbee irra geesseetti* The sun is at its zenith 3 fontanel *gubbeen daa'imaa ni/in dhikkifata* A baby's fontanel pulsates. 4 two stakes set upright, parallel to each other, and located in the center of a yoke

**gubboo** *n* bribe/graft; kick-back or rake-off *gubboo nyaachuun cubbuu dha* It is a sin to take bribes.

**gubbuu** Same as *baay'ee* under *baay'achuu*

**guboo**<sup>1</sup> *n* self-sown crop *atara guboo* a self-sown pea plant

**guboo**<sup>2</sup> *n* a disease that does not heal, probably cancer

**gubsiisuu** See *gubuu*

**gubuu** *tv* 1 burn, fire, or incinerate, i.e., destroy by fire, set sth on fire, or set sth to fire *eenyutu mana isaa gube?* Who set his house on fire/Who burned his house? *foon kana ni/in gubde* You burned this meat. 2 damage or hurt by fire *abidatu arka na gube* Fire burned my hand. 3 scald *danfa bishaaniitu arka isee gube* She scalded her hand with hot water. 4 bake/fire bricks or pottery in kiln to make it hard *suphee gubdi* She is firing or baking pottery. 5 burn a hole in sth, e.g., clothes/mats *andaqii koo gubde* She burned my mat 6 burn, i.e., fill sb with strong feeling and cause him/her to be angry, miserable, or wretched *nitiin kun maaliif akkana na gubdi?* Why does this woman burn me so much? 7 (used of frost) kill plants *qorri baranaa midhaan koo gubee fixe* This year's frost killed all my crops. 8 (used of chilly, hot pepper, etc.) be hot and produce a burning sensation *usu in the mouth qaaraan kun si gubaa hin nyaatin* Don't eat this hot pepper; it's hot! 9 be hot, i.e., have much heat *bunni kun si gubaa eeggadhu* Watch out! This coffee is too hot. **gubaa** *adj, n* 1 branding iron or a hot iron used for branding/cauterizing 2 (of tobacco) strong *timboo gubaa* strong tobacco (cf., *lasee*) 3 fever *gubaa dhaqnaa qaba* He has a fever. **gubachuu** *iv* 1 be burned,

i.e., damaged or scalded; burn down *citaan keenya nu duraa gubate* Our thatching grass has been burned down. 2 be angry, miserable, or be wretched *inuman gubadhe* I have simply become miserable (from irritations, nagging, etc.) 3 be killed by frost *bunni koo qorraan na duraa gubate* My coffee tree was killed by frost. **gubamuu** *tv* (passive) be burned or scalded **gubataa** *adj* 1 burned *buddeena gubataa* burned bread 2 angry, miserable, or wretched *namicha gubataa* an angry man **gubattuu** *adj* (of females) angry, miserable, or wretched *dubartii gubattuu* an angry woman **gubsiiisuu** *tv* cause to burn or scald *mana isaa duraa gubsiiisan* They had his house burned. **guggubuu** *tv* (usu used of cabbage) scorch with flame *abraangoo guggubdee naa kennite* She scorched the cabbage and gave it to me (to eat it). **mana gubuu** *iv* get angry, cross, get mad, or go berserk (to the point of burning a house out of anger) *atuu waan ati jetteen dhageessee mana gubdi* Had she heard what you said about her, she would have gone berserk. **guca** *n* 1 clump, i.e., dense or thick growth of crops /plants from one spot or usu from one root 2 torch, usu for smoking out bees or for burning on a *masqal* eve; see also *daamotii* and *xomboora*

**gucee** Same as *ganamee*  
**guchii** *n* ostritch  
**guchuma** *n* large gourd, usu with a long, narrow neck; calabash or bottle gourd  
**guccumee** *adj* short and plump  
**gudaada** *n* estate/land; corvee, i.e., free labor exacted by a feudal authority  
**gudda** *n* a large leather belt; see also *qabattoo* under *qabuu*  
**guddaa** See *guddachuu*  
**guddachuu** *iv* 1 (used of young humans, animals, plants) develop, grow, or sprout up, i.e., reach the stage of full development; increase in height or size *mucaan kee baay'ee*  
*guddateera* Your child has really sprouted up 2 grow up *eessatti guddatte?* Where did you grow up? *Bureetti dhaladheen* *Bureetti guddadhe* I was born and grew up in Bure. 3 (usu used of size; rarely for quantity) be large or be oversized; be too much *kopheen koo natti guddate* My shoes are too large for me. 4 be respected *biyya cabsituun jirtutti hin guddatan* (saying) In a country where there are people who slight others, there is no respect. **guddaa** *adj* 1 big, huge, or large (in extent or size) *gurbaa guddaa* a big boy *mana guddaa* a large house 2 (of male humans) respectable *isaan nama guddaa dha* He is a respectable man.  
**guddadhaa** (said to 2<sup>nd</sup> person, pl/honorific) expression that

means "Thank you" (for being nice, for respecting me, for doing me a favor, etc.) **guddadhu** (said to 2<sup>nd</sup> person, sing) expression that means "Thank you" (for being nice, for doing me a favor, etc.) **guddifachaa** *adj, n* (of a child) adopted *mucaa guddifachaa lama qabu* They have two adopted children. **guddifachuu** *tv* 1 adopt a child for oneself *mucaa dhiiraa tokkoo fi durba tokkon guddifadhe* I adopted one boy and one girl. 2 rear, i.e., cause/help to grow; bring up, breed, or raise humans and pets (cats or dogs only) *hoolaa guddifate* He raised sheep for self. *saree guddifatte* She has a dog as a pet. *ijoollee isaa sirriitti guddifate* He brought up his children properly. 3 allow or cause to grow one's beard, hair, etc. *areeda isaa guddifateera* He has grown his beard.  
**guddiftuu** *n* (of females) nurse, i.e., a woman who looks after young children **guddina** *n* growth; largeness, upbringing or respectability *qonnaan hundee guddina keenyaati* Farming/Agriculture is the basis of our development. **guddisa** *n* upbringing *gurbaan kun guddisa bade* This boy's upbringing was flawed. **guddisiisuu** *tv* cause to bring up, adopt, or grow **guddisuu** *adv, tv* 1 bring up, humans and pets (dogs or cats only) *wasiila kootu na guddise* My

uncle brought me up. **2** make too much or excessive; augment, increase, enhance, or magnify *harreetti ba'aa guddisani* They have over loaded the donkey. **3** exaggerate *dubbii xinnoo hin guddisin* Do not exaggerate a trivial matter. **4** much; a lot *guddisii fudhu* Take a lot. *sagalee kee guddisii dubbadhu* Talk loud or Speak up. **guddoo** *adj* (of female humans or animals) **1** big or large *sa'a guddoo* a big cow **2** respectable *dubartii guddoo* a respectable woman **gurguddaa** *adj* (modifies pl nouns) big *muka gurguddaa* big trees/big pieces of wood **gurguddoo** *adj* (modifies pl female animals or humans) *sa'a gurguddoo* big cows  
**guddata** Same as *guddina* under *guddachuu*  
**guddifachaa** See *guddachuu*  
**guddifachuu** See *guddachuu*  
**guddina** See *guddachuu*  
**guddisa** See *guddachuu*  
**guddisaa** Same as *guddifachaa* under *guddachuu*  
**guddisuu** See *guddachuu*  
**guddoo**<sup>1</sup> See *guddachuu*  
**guddoo**<sup>2</sup> Same as *baay'ee* under *baay'achuu*  
**gudee** Same as *armee*  
**gudeeda** *n* **1** lap or thigh *mucaa gudeeda isee arratti baattee dhiqxe* She carried the baby on her lap and washed it. **2** Same as *ilmoo*  
**gudeeduu** *tv* make love to a girl/woman **dirqii dhaan**  
**gudeeduu** *tv* rape

**gudeelcha** Same as *jirma* (**1**)  
**gudeeshaa** Same as *dibaa* under *dibuu*<sup>2</sup>  
**gudunfaa** Same as *guduunfaa* under *guduunfuu*  
**gudunfachuu** Same as *guduunfachuu* under *guduunfuu*  
**gudunfamaa** Same as *guduunfamaa* under *guduunfuu*  
**gudunfamuu** Same as *guduunfamuu* under *guduunfuu*  
**gudunfataa** Same as *guduunfataa* under *guduunfuu*  
**gudunfattuu** Same as *guduunfattuu* under *guduunfuu*  
**gudunfituu** Same as *guduunfituu* under *guduunfuu*  
**gudunfuu** Same as *guduunfuu*  
**guduruu** *n* small children's tuft of hair twisted and let loose  
**guduumfaa** Same as *guduunfaa* under *guduunfuu*  
**guduumfachuu** Same as *guduunfachuu* under *guduunfuu*  
**guduumfamaa** Same as *guduunfamaa* under *guduunfuu*  
**guduumfamuu** Same as *guduunfamuu* under *guduunfuu*  
**guduumfataa** Same as *guduunfataa* under *guduunfuu*  
**guduumfattuu** Same as *guduunfattuu* under *guduunfuu*  
**guduumfituu** Same as *guduunfituu* under *guduunfuu*  
**guduumfuu** Same as *guduunfuu*  
**guduunfaa** See *guduunfuu*  
**guduunfachuu** See *guduunfuu*  
**guduunfamaa** See *guduunfuu*  
**guduunfamuu** See *guduunfuu*  
**guduunfataa** See *guduunfuu*



**guduunfattuu** See *guduunfuu*  
**guduunfituu** See *guduunfuu*  
**guduunfuu** *tv* 1 tie a firm knot in a rope, string, etc. *funyoo*  
*guduunfe/guduunfite* She/He/You tied the rope in a firm knot.  
 2 (applies to broken rope, string, etc.) connect/tie two or more broken pieces together *funyoo*  
*citaa lama walitti guduunfite* She tied two pieces of rope together.  
 3 tie *horii isee sabatatti guduunfiti*  
*She wraps her money in her girdle sash and ties it (the sash) in a firm knot.* **guduunfaa** *n* 1 a firm knot 2 assets, reserves of money, or savings *guduunfaa isa qabnu hunda ganna darbe fixne/fidhne*. We used up all our savings last winter.  
**guduunfachuu** *tv* 1 tie a firm knot for self 2 save grain, money, etc., for future use *barana ani horii humaa hin guduunfanne* This year I have not saved any money. **guduunfamaa** *adj* tied in a firm knot *funyoo guduunfamaa* a rope with a firm knot  
**guduunfamuu** *tv* be tied in a firm knot; be saved for a future use *funyoon lamaan yoo walitti guduunfaman malee tokko duwwaan ni/in gabaabbata* Unless the two pieces are tied together, one alone will be too short (for this purpose). **guduunfataa** *adj* of a male human who saves for the future **guduunfattuu** *adj, n* 1 of female human who saves for the future 2 (neologism)

conjunction **guduunfituu** *n* (nologism) conjunction  
**gufachiisuu** See *gufachuu*  
**gufachuu** *iv* stumble, i.e., lose/miss one's footing and slip or trip over sth *gufatee kufee ilkaan isaa cabe* He stumbled, fell, and broke his tooth. **gufachiisuu** *tv* cause to/make stumble *dhagaa karaa arratti dhiiftee na gufachiiste/gufachiifte* You made me stumble and fall by leaving a stone in the way. **gufuu** *n* 1 stumbling block or any obstacle in the way that causes one to stumble 2 (fig) impediment, obstacle, snag, or stumbling block, i.e., anything that hinders or creates difficulty *bokkaan akka ani hin qonne gufuu natti ta'e* This rain has become a stumbling block; I cannot go out and plow.  
**guffaawuu** *iv* (of weeds) be piled on a spot on a farm **guffeessuu** *tv* pile weeds on one spot on a farm **guffii** *n* a pile of weeds  
**guffeessuu** See *guffaawuu*  
**guffii** See *guffaawuu*  
**guflaa** Same as *qoochoo*  
**gufoo** *n* local beer; see also *farsoo*  
**guftaa** *n* 1 headband or turban, usu worn by Moslems 2 Same as *algee*  
**guftaawuu** Same as *guufa'uu*  
**gufufa** See *gufufuu*  
**gufufaa** *bawuu* See *gufufuu*  
**gufufsuu** See *gufufuu*  
**gufuftuu** See *gufufuu*  
**gufufuu** *iv* grieve or mourn  
**gufufa** *n* sorrow; mourning;

grief *mana kana gufufatu jira fakkaata nama kirrii adii mormatti hidhatu danuun arge* I saw many people wear white threads around their necks; it seems there is mourning in this house.  
**gufufaa bawuu** *iv* gallop around a market place in the presence of sellers and buyers and a woman who has officially ended mourning for her deceased husband **gufufsuu** *tv* cause to grieve or mourn **gufuftuu** *adj* of a woman who is mourning the death of loved ones. See also *gadduu*  
**gufuu** See *gufachuu*  
**gugachuu** *iv* dash or rush, i.e., make a sudden and violent movement *gugannee mana isaa irraa abidda dhaamsine* We rushed and saved his house by putting out the fires. *gugatee fige* He dashed away. **gugsii** *n* a game men play by chasing and hitting each other while on horse-back **gugsuu** *tv* chase or cause to run, rush, etc. *sa'a hin gugsin* Do not chase the cattle so violently.  
**gugee** *n* dove, mourning dove, pigeon, or turtle-dove *akka gugee kaata; arka buleen nyaata* He runs (flies) like a pigeon; he eats without washing his hands (teasing language children use when they see a child who eats before washing his/her hands)  
**gugfachuu** *tv* chase sth away (for self)  
**guggubuu** See *gubuu*

**guggussii** Same as *gumbii*  
**gugguuffii** See *gugguufuu*  
**gugguufsisuu** See *gugguufuu*  
**gugguuftoo** Same as *bosonuu*  
**gugguufuu** *iv* (applies to persons) bend, bow, or stoop *gugguufii ol lixi* Bend down and enter.  
**gugguuffii** *n* bending or stooping *gugguuffiin baay'een dugda nam dhukkubsa* Too much bending hurts one's back.  
**gugguufsisuu** *iv* cause to/make bend *gugguufsiseen arra utaale* I made him bend down and jumped over him.  
**gugsii** See *gugachuu*  
**gugsuu** See *gugachuu*  
**gugugsuu** *iv* (of noise) roar; thunder *sa'atuu gugusaa darbe* Cattle roared past.  
**gujii** *n* 1 Oromo tribe 2 a female helper  
**gujeessuu** *tv* pile in one place  
**gujjii** *n* tough grass, so tough that it is difficult to uproot it  
**gujufa** *n* dump, i.e., a place where garbage is left  
**gulana** *adv* after, afterwards, or later on *amma mana jiraa gulana kottu* He is at home now; come later on.  
**gulantaa** *n* 1 threshhol of a door 2 partition between the cooking place and the bed or sleeping quarters 3 pieces of wood, usu split, set in the ground and used for supporting raised earthen bed. 4 class; grade *gulantaa shan jira* He is in grade five.  
**gulba** Same as *jilba*

**gulbata** *n* credit, i.e., permission for customers to have goods or services that they agree to pay for on such and such date in the future

**gulgubbee** Same as *gurgubbee*

**gullittii** Same as *xaddee*

**gulloo** Same as *waraabessa*

**gultii** *n* estate or property in the form of land

**gulubii** Same as *kibrii*

**gulufa** See *gulufuu*

**gulufsiisuu** See *gulufuu*

**gulufuu** *iv* 1 gallop *fardi koo*

*baay'ee gulufa* My horse gallops

very well 2 Be under tension/be

in a hurry; see also *muddamuu*

under *mudduu* **gulufa** *n* 1 gallop

*gulufaan qajeele* He rode away at

a gallop 2 tension **gulufsiisuu** *tv*

cause to gallop *farda gulufsiisi*

Make the horse gallop. **guluftuu**

*adj* (of females) a daredevil horse rider

**gulula** Same as *gundoo*

**gulummaa** *n* usu a plot of land

given to one's young son so that

he can farm it, sell the produce,

and use the money as he wishes;

see also *andhuuraa*

**gumaa**<sup>1</sup> *n* 1 retaliation, revenge, vendetta, or vengeance; see also

*didhaa* 2 hunk of meat *foon gumaa*

*tokko nyaate* He ate a hunk of

meat. 3 indemnity; blood feuds;

blood money; wergeld or

wergild **gumaa baasuu** *tv*

avenge/be revenged on sb, pay,

settle, or wipe off old scores;

revenge, retaliate, take

vengeance, or wreak one's vengeance *ilmi gumaa abbaa isaa hin baafne hin dhalatin* A son who does not avenge his father's death upon the murderer should not be born in the first place.

**gumaa buqqee** *n* similar to blood money except that in this case a person, usu a girl, is given to the family whose son/daughter had been murdered **gumaa ijaa** *n* pupil of the eye; see also *agartuu* under *arguu*

**gumaa**<sup>2</sup> See *gumaa'uu*

**gumaa baasuu** See *gumaa*<sup>1</sup>

**gumaa buqqee** See *gumaa*<sup>1</sup>

**gumaacha** Same as *gumaata* under *gumaachuu*

**gumaachuu** *tv* to give money, present, food, drinks, etc. to a bride/bridegroom, circumcised children, a woman in confinement (after giving birth), or to a person/family that has suffered some sort of calamities **gumaata** *n* gift or present *gumaata geessiifi arka duwwaa hin dhaqin* Take them/him/her a present; don't go empty-handed.

**gumaa ijaa** See *gumaa*<sup>1</sup>

**gumaara** *n* a kind of tree

**gumaata** See *gumaachuu*

**gumaa'uu** *iv* bear fruit; fruit

*barana kookiin keenya hin gumoofine*

Our peach tree has not borne

fruit this year. *lafa itti tolutti yoo*

*hin facaafamne garbuun hin*

*gumaa'uu* If not sown on

appropriate soil, barley doesn't

produce/or bear fruit well.  
**gumaa** *n* 1 ear or spike of barley or wheat *gumaa garbuu* a spike of barley 2 (applies to trees or crops) fruit *waan ta'eef hin beeku; midhaan koo barana gumaa hin godhanne* I don't know why, my crop has not produced/born fruit this year. 3 (usu of speech) gist, nub, or substance *dubbiin isaa gumaa hin qabu* There is no substance in what he says  
**gumaawuu** 1 (usu applies to animals, persons, vehicles that move in a file or procession) be completed, finished, or come to an end, i.e., the last one has arrived *horiin foonaa keessaa gadi yaatee gumooftetti* All the cattle have come out of their pen, i.e., the procession has come to an end. 2 assemble, close up, or come nearer together; unite *walitti gumaayaa taa'aa* Close up and sit down. **gumeessuu** *tv* 1 (used of payment, work, etc., already started) complete/finish *hojii jalqabde kana osoo hin gumeessin hin deemin* Don't go before you finish the work you have started. *gumeessite naa hin kaffalle* You/She didn't finish paying me back (what she owes me). 2 assemble, bring nearer/closer together, organize, or unite *sa'a asii fi achi faffacaate kana walitti gumeessi* The cattle are scattered; bring them closer together. **gumii** *n* 1 assembly or

meeting; see also *yaa'ii* 2 many  
**nama gumii** many people  
**gumbii** *n* 1 a small granary kept inside a house 2 (fig) fat and short *namicha gumbii tokkotu na arrabse* A fat, short man called me names. **gumbii dubbii** *n* conversationalist or conversationist; talkative  
**gumbisuu** *tv* play the drum *eda gumbisaa bulan* They were playing the drum all night last night.  
**gumee** *n* bracelet worn on the arm or wrist; also worn as an anklet by small children  
**gumeessuu** See *gumaawuu*  
**gumii** See *gumaawuu*  
**gumjaa** Same as *gunjaa* under *gunja'uu*  
**gumjaasisuu** Same as *gunjaasisuu* under *gunja'uu*  
**gumja'uu** Same as *gunja'uu*  
**gumjii** Same as *gunjaa* under *gunja'uu*  
**gumnaa** *adj* (of a woman) adulterous and money minded  
**gunaa** See *gunuu*  
**gunaabuu** Same as *suuka'uu* (2)  
**guna'uu** Same as *sarduu*  
**gundoo** *n* a large, flat or curved basket usu used for winnowing or measuring honey *damma gundoo tokko one* basketful of honey  
**gundubuu** Same as *gooluu*  
**gunfura** *n* 1 full hair dress usu worn by a man who has proved his virility 2

decoration/ornament for a saddle

**gunfuuruu** Same as *dhaadachuu* (2)

**gungumaa** See *gungumuu*

**gungumtuu** See *gungumuu*

**gungumuu** *iv* 1 grumble or murmur, i.e., make low, continuous, indistinct sound *gola*

*keessa teessee gungumti* She sits in the kitchen and grumbles. 2

thunder *waaqayyoo roobuu dhaaf gunguma* It is thundering; it's

going to rain. **gungumaa** *n* (of male humans) grumbler *abbaan*

*manaa isee gungumaa dha* Her husband is a grumbler.

**gungumtuu** *n* (usu of female humans) grumbler

**gunii** *n* 1 an ox with only one testis or testicle *sangaa gunii argitee beektaa* Have you ever seen a monotesticle ox? 2 small and despicable

**gunjaa** See *gunja'uu*

**gunjaasisuu** See *gunja'uu*

**gunjaa'uu** *iv* be united; come together

**gunja'uu** *tv* (usu applies to desire created on seeing appetizing food/drink) make one's mouth water or tickle one's palate; crave or desire *foon kana naa kenni mee nan gunja'ee* Give me this meat; it's making my mouth water. **gunjaa** *n* craving for/passionate desire for food or drink *gunjaa fooniitu na qabe* I am feeling craving for meat. *gunjaa*

*foonii coommeen hin/him baasuu* (saying) Mushrooms do not satisfy the desire for meat [get the real thing, i.e. meat]

**gunjaasisuu** *tv* cause to/make one's mouth water *foon kun nama gunjaasisa* This meat makes one's mouth water.

**gunnaddaa** Same as *gundoo*

**gunnessuu** *tv* drive, hurry, or rush sb *na gunneessitee manaa na baafte/baaste* She made me leave the house in a hurry.

**gunnuffachuu** Same as *gunnuunfachuu*

**gunnufannaa** Same as *gunnuunfannaa*

**gunnufuu** *iv* 1 huddle up and sit or sleep, i.e., crouch, curl up, or draw oneself together 2 walk real fast; jump, usu while walking or running

**guntuta** *n* firm breasts, usu of a young girl/woman [cf., *arma*]

**gunnuunfachuu** Same as *dunuunfachuu*

**gunnuunfannaa** Same as *dunuunfannaa* under *dunuunfachuu*

**gunuu** *tv* bribe **gunaa** *n* bribe **gunuunfii** Same as *dunuunfii* under *dunuunfachuu*

**gur'aa** *n* a kind of black spice [nigella sativa]

**gur'aacha** See *gur'aacha'uu*

**gur'aacha'uu** *iv* become dark or black *dhukkubsatee ka'ee gur'aacha'e* Ever since he recovered from his illness, he

has become dark. **gur'aacha** *adj*  
 (of male animals, humans, or  
 things) black or dark *sangaa*  
*gur'aacha* a black ox *waaqaa*  
*gur'aacha* black God or dark sky  
**gur'aachessuu** *tv* blacken or  
 darken; cause to be black or dark  
*qaqaatu mana koo gur'aachesse* The  
 soot has made my house black.  
**gur'aachummaa** *n* darkness,  
 state of being black **gur'aattii** *adj*  
 (of female animals, humans, or  
 diminutive things) black *intala*  
*gur'aattii miidhagduu qaba* He has  
 a beautiful daughter with a dark  
 complexion. **gur'ee** name of a  
 black cow  
**gur'aachechuu** Same as  
*gur'aachessuu* under *gur'aacha'uu*  
**gur'aachessuu** See *gur'aacha'uu*  
**gur'aachummaa** See *gur'aacha'uu*  
**guraamala** *n* a large bird  
**guraamalee** *n* 1 (usu of voice)  
 pleasant *sagaleen isee guraamalee*  
*dha* Her voice is pleasant. 2  
 tatoos on the upper gum, usu at  
 intervals between front teeth  
**guraandhala** *n* February  
**guraanxilii** mumps  
**guraaramuu** *tv* be tortured and  
 frustrated  
**guraaruu** *tv* torture physically;  
 frustrate/harass  
**gur'aattii** See *gur'aacha'uu*  
**gurbaa** *n* 1 a term used for  
 addressing or referring to a  
 young boy *maal barbaadda*  
*gurbaa?* What do you want, boy?  
 2 boy *gurbaan koo nyaateeraa?* Has  
 my boy eaten? *gurbichi eessatti*

*bade?* Where did the boy  
 disappear? **gurbayyoo** (usu  
 diminutive or vocative use) boy  
**gurbayyoo** See *gurbaa*  
**gurbee** *n* (archaic) young, male  
 slave of a marriageable age  
**gurcuu** Same as *guttoo*  
**gurdaa**<sup>1</sup> *n* 1 belt, i.e., any band,  
 strip of cloth. leather or string  
 worn round the waist to hold  
 dress, etc., in place  
**gurdaa**<sup>2</sup> See *gurdaawuu*  
**gurdaa uruu** See *gurdaawuu*  
**gurdaa'uu** Same as *gurdaawuu*  
**gurdaawuu** *iv* (of animal) be  
 barren, infertile, or sterile *sa'i koo*  
*in/ni gurdoofta* My cow has  
 become barren. **gurdaa** *adj* 1  
 barren, infertile, sterile 2 virgin  
**gurdaa uruu** *tv* perform surgery  
 on the vagina of a barren cow to  
 make her give birth  
**gurdummii** *n* a swimming style  
 very similar to butterfly stroke  
**gurdummoo** Same as *gurdummii*  
**gurdumuu** Same as *daakuu*<sup>3</sup>  
**gur'ee** See *gur'aacha'uu*  
**gurgubbee** *n* nettle  
**gurgubboo** *n* the day or the grand  
 occasion when a bride returns to  
 see her parents after being away  
 for 6 or 12 months  
**gurguddaa** See *guddachuu*  
**gurguddoo** See *guddachuu*  
**gurgudduu** *n* nick name given to  
 men who have not killed big  
 game and proved their courage  
**gurguraa** Same as *gurgurtaa* under  
*gurguruu*  
**gurgurachuu** See *gurguruu*

**gurguramuu** See *gurguruu*  
**gurgursiisuu** See *gurguruu*  
**gurgurtaa** See *gurguruu*  
**gurgurtuu** See *gurguruu*  
**gurguruu** *tv* (usu takes -*tti*)  
 dispose of, dump, hawk, peddle,  
 sell, or vend *oolaa koo birri*  
*soddomattin gurgure* I sold my  
 sheep for thirty birri. *reettii isaa*  
*birri digdamaan natti gurgure* He  
 sold me his goat for twenty birri.  
 [cf., *hoolaa gurgure* He sold a  
 sheep and *hoolaa natti/isatti/*  
*iseetti gurgure* He sold a sheep to  
 me/him/her]. **gurgurachuu** *tv*  
 sell for oneself *hoola gurguratee*  
*kittaa bitate* He sold a sheep for  
 self and bought himself a shirt.  
*hoolaa gurgurateera* He has sold a  
 sheep (and therefore he must  
 have cash). **gurguramuu** *tv*  
 (passive) be sold *hoolaan kun*  
*gurgurameeraa?* Is this sheep  
 sold? **gurgursiisuu** *tv* cause to  
 sell sth, usu by putting pressure  
 on sb directly or indirectly  
*sangaa isaa isa gurgursiisanii arka*  
*duwwatti isa ambisani* They made  
 him sell his ox and thereby  
 caused his poverty **gurgurtaa**  
*n* (of sth) for sale *kan gurgurtaa*  
*miti* It's not for sale. *gurgurtaa*  
*dhaaf gabaa baase* He put it on the  
 market for sale **gurgurtuu** *n*  
 hawker, peddler, seller, or  
 vender/vendor *obboleessi isaa*  
*buna gurgurtuu dha* His brother is  
 coffee vendor.  
**gurii** Same as *guroo*  
**gurjaa** See *gurjaa*

**gurjaawuu** *iv* be sleepless; have  
 insomnia *irriba dhabdeen gurjaaye*.  
 I felt sleepy because I didn't  
 have enough sleep. **gurjaa** *n* 1  
 insomnia, lack of sleep,  
 sleeplessness, or wakefulness  
*gurjaa meeqaa bulte kan akkana*  
*raftu?* How many sleepless  
 nights have you spent that you  
 are sleeping so much? 2  
 sleeplessness or drowsiness, usu  
 hang over or after-effects of  
 sleepless nights *gurjaatu na qabe* I  
 feel sleepy or drowsy. *gurjaa*  
*hin/him baane* I have not had my  
 sleep out. **gurjeessuu** *tv* cause  
 to/make feel sleepy or drowsy  
**gurjeessuu** See *gurjaawuu*  
**gur lamee** *n* a small pot/jar with  
 two ears  
**gurmaawuu** *iv* 1 be united *namoti*  
*keenya amma akka kanniisaa walitti*  
*gurmaayaaniiru* Our people are  
 now as united as bees are. 2 be  
 tough and strong, usu as the  
 scruff of oxen **gurmeessuu** *tv* 1  
 unify / unite *warra akkana faffaca'n*  
*kana eenyutuu walitti gurmeessuu*  
*danda'a?* Who can unite these  
 divided and scattered people? 2  
 make tough and strong **gurmuu**  
*n* 1 unity *gurmuu kanniisaa* unity  
 of the swarm of bees 2 (usu of  
 cattle) the scruff of the neck 3  
 shoulder; see also *gateetti*  
**gurmeessuu** See *gurmaawuu*  
**gurmuu** See *gurmaawuu*  
**guroo** *n* 1 raw cotton, i.e., before it  
 is ginned *jirbii guroo* raw cotton,

i.e., not ginned 2 lump, i.e., hard mass *ashaboo guroo* a lump of salt  
**gurra** *n* 1 ear, auricle, or ear lobe  
*gurratu natti iyya* My ears are singing. 2 hearing *gurra hin qabdu* Her hearing is poor. 3 showing off; fame or reputation  
*gurraaf jettee wiskii hin bitin daadhiin ni/in gayaa* Don't buy whisky to show off (for the sake of your reputation); mead is enough 4 ear or handle of coffee cup, pitcher, pot, vase, etc. *gurra jabanaa* ear of a coffee pot 5 single (usu leaf) *raafuu gurra tokko* a single cabbage leaf  
**gurraan dhagawuu** *tv* (of language) understand *afaan amaaraa gurraan ni/in dhageessi malee dubbachuu hin dandeessu* She can understand Amharic, but she can't speak it. **gurra antuutaa** *n* ear like growth, usu found on decaying logs **gurra arbaa namaa kennuu** *iv* be extremely patient *yaa waaq gurra arbaa naa kenni* God, give me patience, i.e., to hear sth bad said about me and yet ignore it. **gurra balleessuu** *tv* smear sb' reputation *gurra abbaa kootii balleesse* He smeared my father's good reputation. **gurra buusii** *n* spying **gurra buusuu** *iv* eavesdrop; spy *maal gurra buusee nama dhaggeeffata?* Why does he eavesdrop? **gurra dabarsuu** *tv* do sth useful for posterity / society and pass or die *waan gaarii hojjatee gurra dabarfate* He

did something useful and passed away. **gurra dhaabuu** *iv* cock an ear, usu when eavesdropping *gurra dhaabde na dhaggeeffatte* She cocked an ear and listened to what I was saying. **gurra muruu** Same as *gurra balleessuu* above **gurra nama butuu** *iv* hear sth not yet confirmed *dubbiin akkanaa gurra na buteraa* I heard sth of that sort. **gurra qabaachuu** *iv* 1 hear from sb, i.e., have information regarding a person's well-being, whereabouts, etc. *obboleessa kee gurra qabdaa?* Do you hear from your brother? 2 hear *gurra hin qabduu?* Can't you hear? **gurra qeensuu** Same as *gurra dhaabuu* above **gurra qeersuu** Same as *gurra dhaabuu* above **gurra sadee** *n* clover **gurra soquu** *iv* be after fame; look for reputation even in a cannon's mouth **gurratti namtti himuu** *tv* tell sb sth by whispering in his/her ear; tell sb sth secretly *gurratti itti himi* Tell him secretly. **gurra urtuu** *adj* in *gadaa* system of democratic government a female, usu the sister of a priest, who pierces the priest's ears (for his earring)

**gurree** See *gur'aacha'uu*

**gurrii** *n* a plant the sap of which causes skin irritation or even sore

**guroo** Same as *gurra* (4)

**gurrubbaa** *n* treated cattle or human disease, usu treated by cauterization



**gurshaa** See *gurshuu*

**gurshuu** *tv* feed by putting food in sb's mouth directly *ani arki koo na dhukkubaa ati na gurshi* My hand is not well, so you feed me by putting food in my mouth.  
**gurshaa** *n* 1 food to be put in sb's mouth (for the purpose of feeding him/her) 2 tip of money; bonus

**gursummaa**<sup>1</sup> *n* 1 a remarried divorcee or widow, i.e., a wife living with her second, third, etc. husband 2 a divorcee or widown who stays unmarried and lives alone

**gursummaa**<sup>2</sup> a chicken with a mixture of blue and redish color

**gursummeettii** *n* 1 Same as *gursummaa*<sup>1</sup> (1) 2 a woman who hides and eats/drinks alone in the absence of her husband; see also *mooqqattuu* under *mooquu*

**guruc gochuu** *tv* (applies to liquid) gulp or swallow in small quantity *bishaan guruc godhe* He gulped down the water. **gurucii** *n* a drop of/a small amount of liquid *ani bishaan gurucii tokkoyyuu mana hin qabu* I don't have even a drop of water in the house.

**gurucii** See *guruc gochuu*

**gurundoo** *n* human bone around the ear area

**gururi'uu** *iv* (usu used of dogs) growl *sareen isaa natti gururi'e* His dog growled at me.

**gur'uu** *n* 1 udder, usu of a cow 2 bunch of banana

**gusgusuu** Same as *suksukuu*

**gussee** *n* bush or small thicket *bosonuun gussee lixxe* The antelope entered the bush.

**gussii** Same as *gussee*

**gussoo** Same as *gussee*

**gussuu** Same as *gugsuu* under *gugachuu*

**gutichaa** *n* earring

**gutoo** *n* 1 cage of a bird or hatchery for hens 2 cave or lair

**guttoo** *n* a stump of a tree

**guu** *n* (short for *gurbaa*) boy *maal taate guu?* What's the matter, boy?

**guubii** *n* a large basket kept in the house for storing grain *guubii ataraa* pea basket

**guuboo** *n* a large rush basket for measuring or for carrying grain

**guuboo bishaanii** *n* whirlpool, i.e., whirling currents in a lake, river, etc. *guuboon bishaanii na nyaatee oole* I almost drowned in the whirlpool.

**guuccee** *n* tuft of a child's hair, on the fontanel area, left unshaved and made to grow

**guufana** Same as *gorba* (2)

**guufa'uu** *iv* (used of human hair) become unpleasantly bushy, long, or shaggy because it is not shaved or trimmed *mataan mucaa kootii guufa'eeraa aadaafii* My child's hair has become too long; please shave it off for him.

**guufessuu** *tv* leave hair to grow too long *maaliif mataa isaa akkana guufesse?* Why did he let his hair grow so long? **guufoo** *n* a shock

or a mop of hair, i.e., rough, untidy mass of hair on sb's head, which should have been shaved off or trimmed

**guufessuu** See *guufa'uu*

**guufoo** See *guufa'uu*

**guuguu** Same as *waraabessa*

**guula prep**, n towards, i.e., in the direction of *guula bitaa* towards left; see also *gara* (1) 2 an expert in *qaalluu* laws and principles

**guulaa** See *guuluu*

**guultuu** n female expert in *qaalluu* laws

**guuluu** *iv* (used of a horse) gallop at full speed (and refuse to stop) *akkuman yaabbadheen fardi koo naan guule* My horse galloped at full speed as soon as I mounted it. 2 be stubborn and refuse to listen to advice 3 be carried away by thought *yaadatu naan guule* I was carried away by thought. 4 reach a doddering old age *guuleera* He has become very old. **guulaa** *adj* 1 (of a horse) fast and strong *farda guulaa* swift and strong horse 2 octogenerian,

**guumaa** n a variety of sorghum the stalk of which has sweet juice (similar to that of a sugar-cane)

**guumayee** n carrot-like, edible wild potato

**guura** 1 Same as *durbii* 2 generation member, usu used for asking questions as to whether a person is a member of *obboo* or *coora* (see) Speaker A: *guurri kee eenyu* To which

generation do you belong?

Speaker B: *Ani oboo dha* I belong to the *oboo* generation

**guuramuu** See *guuruu*

**guurii** n ear-wax or cerumen

**guurrachuu** See *guuruu*

**guursisuu** See *guuruu*

**guuruu** *tv* 1 pile/stack, i.e., put one upon another *qoraan mana boroo jalatti guurte* She piled the firewood in the back yard. 2 assemble, collect, or gather together *maaliif nama kana hunda guurtee natti fidde?* Why did you gather all these people together and bring them home (to me)? 3 (takes *alala*) chew cud *sa'i alala guurutti jirti* The cow is chewing the cud. **guuramuu** *iv* (passive) be gathered, piled, or stacked *boqqolloon iddoo tokkotti guurameera* The corn has been piled/stacked in one place.

**guurraa** n gathering *muka guurraa na gargaari* Help me in log gathering. **guurrachuu** *tv* 1 gather together for self *boqqolloo isaa iddoo tokkotti gurrate* He satacked/gathered his corn in one place (for self). **guursisuu** *tv* cause to gather and carry sth to some place *boqqolloo mana isaatti na guursisaa oole* He made me gather corn and carry it to his house (all day).

**guushii** *adj*, n (of local beer) still in the process of fermentation *guushii dhugaa* Drink (if you wish) unfermented beer.

**guusisuu** See *gu'uu*

**guusuu** See *gu'uu*

**guutachuu** Same as *guuttachuu*  
under *guutuu*

**guutamuu** See *guutuu*

**guutee** *n* mountain peak

**guuttachuu** See *guutuu*

**guuttiyyaa** *adj*, *n* crest, i.e., tuft of  
hair resembling that of a cock's  
comb found on a bird's/hen's  
head; horned *indaaqqoo*

*guuttiyyaa* a horned hen, i.e., a  
hen with tufts like horns

**guutu cungee** *n* a small, dark-blue  
bird with crest

**guutuu**<sup>1</sup> *iv*, *tv* 1 fill *uurootti farsoo*  
*guutani* They filled the jar with  
beer. 2 (of sth not completely full  
before) be or become full *uuroon*  
*kun guuteeraa*? Is this jar full (it

was only half full before)? 3 (of  
rivers, lakes) overflow *bishaan*  
*gatii guuteef cewuu hin dandeenyu*  
Since the river has overflowed  
its bank, we cannot cross it. 4

realize or fulfil one's ambitions,  
expectations, hopes, etc. *yaadi*  
*isaa guuteeraaf* His ambitions  
have been realized completely. 5  
fill up or top (sth) up *dhugaatii*

*koo itti naa guuti* Top up my  
drink for me. **guutamuu** *tv*  
(passive) 1 (of a container not  
filled to the brim) be filled  
*bishaan inni uuroo kana ni/in*  
*hir'ate; itti ha guutamuu* The  
water in this jar is not full; it [the  
jar] has to be filled. 2 be poured  
into; be filled *uuroo kanatti*  
*bishaan ha guutamu* This jar has  
to be filled with water

**guuttachuu** *tv* 1 fill for self  
*barana midhaan gombisaa lama*  
*guuttate* This year he has filled  
two granaries with grain. 2 fulfil  
or realize *yaada isaa guuttateera*  
He has realized his ambitions.

**guutuu** *adj* 1 full, i.e., completely  
filled *uuroon inni kun guutuu dha;*  
*isa sanatu hir'ate* This jar is full;  
that one is not full. 2 abundant  
or plentiful *hundumtuu guutuu*  
*dha* Everything is plentiful. 3  
whole *waggaa tokko guutuun isa*  
*eege* I waited for him one

whole(full) year. **guutuu**  
**buqqisuu** *iv* be belligerent, i.e.,  
be angry and ready to fight; look  
for trouble *namni guutuu*  
*buqqisuu lola kaasa* A person who  
is belligerent can provoke a  
fight. **guutuu kaawwachuu** *tv* (  
usu of a child) get a  
present/gift, usu offered by  
parents at hair shaving  
ceremony *sa'a kana awuun mataa*  
*aaddadheen guutuu kaawwadhe* I  
got this present, a cow, when my  
hair was shaved off.

**guutuu**<sup>2</sup> See *guutuu* under *guutuu*<sup>1</sup>

**guutuu**<sup>3</sup> *n* 1 spire or roof-summit  
*guutuu manaa* spire/summit of a  
house 2 tuft of hair left on the  
summit of a child's hair after  
most part of the hair has been  
shaved off; see also *guuccee*  
**guutuu buqqisa** *n* children's  
game by which they start a  
quarrel/fight **guutuu buqqisuu**  
*tv* 1 pull and remove the cap of  
sth 2 be spoiling for a fight

*maaliif guutuu buqqiftee lola kaafta?* Why are you spoiling for a fight and start a quarrel?  
**guutuu kaawwachuu** *tv* put aside a present, usu cattle, on behalf of a baby on the day of a shaving ritual  
**guutuu buqqisa** See *guutuu*<sup>3</sup>  
**guutuu buqqisuu** See *guutuu*<sup>1</sup>  
**guutuu kaawwachuu** See *guutuu*<sup>1</sup>  
**gu'uu** *iv* 1 be weaned *mucaan koo arma gu'eera* My child is weaned. 2 (usu used of cows) be dry *aannan hin qabu; sa'i koo guuteetti* I have no milk because my cow is dry. **gu'aa** *adj* (usu of male humans) weanling, i.e., weaned *arma hin hodhu; gu'aa dha* He is not breast-fed; he is weaned.  
**guusisuu** *tv* make wean, i.e., cause a child give up breast feeding *akkoo isaatu arma isa guusise* His grandmother made him give up breast feeding.  
**guusuu** *tv* (usu used of humans) wean *mucaa isee arma guusteettii?* Has she weaned her child?  
**guyya'uu** Same as *guufa'uu*  
**guyyee** Same as *guufoo* under *guufa'uu*  
**guysuu** Same as *aryachuu*  
**guyyaa** See *guyya'uu*  
**guyyaafachuu** See *guyya'uu*  
**guyyaa guyyaa** See *guyya'uu*  
**guyyaa keecha** Same as *guyyaa keessa* under *guyya'uu*  
**guyyaa keessa** See *guyya'uu*  
**guyyaa saafaa** See *guyya'uu*  
**guyyaasifachuu** Same as *guyyaafachuu* under *guyya'uu*

**guyyaasisuu** See *guyya'uu*  
**guyyaa tokko** See *guyya'uu*  
**guyya'uu** *iv* 1 dawn, i.e., begin to grow light in the morning *ka'aa guyya'eeraa* Get up; it has dawned. 2 get or be late in the morning *sitti guyya'e; dafii deemi* It's getting late in the morning; leave quickly. **guyyaa** *adv*, n 1 day *eega deemee guyyaa lama ta'eera* It has been two days since he left. 2 during the day; day time *guyyaa dhufe* He came during the day. **guyyaa guyyaa** *adv* (indicates repetitiveness or frequency of action/occurrence during the day) every day; daily *guyyaa guyyaa rafee alkan alkan hojjata* He sleeps during the day every day and works at night.  
**guyyaafachuu** *iv* wait till late in the morning *guyyaafatee manaa baye* He waited till late in the morning and left the house.  
**guyyaa guyyaa** *adv* by day *guyyaa guyyaa ciifnee alkan alkan deemna* We will sleep by day and travel by night. **guyyaa keessa** *adv* 1 Same as *guyyaa* 2 sth, e.g. blindness, deafness, etc., that happens after birth; not congenital or not existing at birth *dur ni/in argiti turte; guyyaa keessa jaamte malee* She used to see before; she became blind after birth 3 marry after losing one's virginity to the 1<sup>st</sup> wife *niitii isee kana guyyaa keessan fuudhe* I married this woman after I had lost my virginity to

another wife. **guyyaa saafaa** *adv*  
 in broad day light *sangaa koo*  
*guyyaa saafaa na duraa hatani*  
 They stole my ox in broad day  
 light. **guyyaasisuu** *tv* cause sb  
 who intends to leave early in the  
 morning to be late *ani ganama*  
*shuubii deemuu barbaadeen ture;*  
*situ natti guyyaasise malee.* I  
 intended to leave early in the  
 morning; you made me late  
**guyyaa tokko** *adv* one day or  
 some day *guyyaa tokko nuufis*  
*aduun ni/in baati* Some day we,  
 too, will have our day. See also  
*bar tokko* under *bar*<sup>2</sup>

**guyyeefachuu** Same as  
*guyyaafachuu* under *guyya'uu*  
**guyyeessuu** Same as *guyyaafachuu*  
 under *guyya'uu*  
**guuyya'uu** *iv* be poor and  
 disheveled **guuyyee** *adj*  
 disheveled and poor  
**guuyyee** See *guuyya'uu*

## h/H

*Iddoo tokko tokkotti, jechoota "h"*  
*dhaan jalqabamanuu keessaa "h"*  
*ambisanii, dubbachiiftuu duwwaa*  
*dhaan fayyadamu. Garuu iddoo h*  
*hudhaa['] buusu. Jechuun*  
*dubbachiiftuu isa hafe sana hunda*  
*gara qonqqootti gadi fageessanii*  
*dubbatu. Fakkeenyaaf, huka jechuu*  
*manna 'uka jedhanii dubbatuu ykn*  
*qubeessu. Ha ta'uu malee, sagaleen*  
*u inni buna keessaatii fi sagaleen u*  
*inni uka keessaa tokko miti; qofa*

*qofa.* In some dialects, in an  
 initial position, (in rare cases in  
 middle positions) **h** may or may  
 not be used before a vowel.  
 When **h** is dropped, the vowel  
 that remains is glottalized  
 [although the glottal sign['] is  
 not used (to avoid crowding the  
 work with too many symbols).  
 For instance, in one dialect **huka**  
 is common, whereas **'uka** is  
 preferred in another dialect.  
 (Incidentally, this writer's dialect  
 is the latter one). So, if a user of  
 this bilingual dictionary cannot  
 find a word under **h + vowel**,  
 he/she is advised to look it up  
 under a vowel with which the  
 word begins. Here are some  
 more examples: *harfaasaa/*  
*arfaasaa, haaloo-/aaloo,*  
*helmamuu/elmamuu, heebo/eeboo,*  
*hidda/idda, hiikuu/iikuu, hoduu/*  
*oduu, hoolaa/oolaa, and*  
*huuqqachuu/uuqqachuu.* So if the  
 user cannot find the word  
**harfaasaa**, for example, he/she  
 should try **arfaasaa** before  
 giving up the search.

Incidentally, due to this  
 linguistic fact, crossrefer-  
 ences abound for the entries  
 that begin in **h**.

**ha** Same as *a*<sup>2</sup>

**haa 1** prefixed to verbs, it  
 indicates the simple future tense  
*haa qotannuu/ haa qotannuu* They/  
 We will farm. **2** Same as *a*<sup>2</sup>

**haabba** Same as *aabba*

**haabee** Same as *aabee*

**haablee** Same as *aalbee*  
**haabucaa** Same as *habuucaa*  
**haada**<sup>1</sup> Same as *funyoo*  
**haada**<sup>2</sup> *n* shaving *mataa gowwaatti*  
*haada baru* (saying) one learns to  
 shave people first by practicing  
 it on a foolish man's head.  
**haadamuu** Same as *aadamuu*  
 under *aaduu*<sup>3</sup>  
**haaddachuu** Same as *aaddachuu*  
 under *aaduu*<sup>3</sup>  
**haadha** *n* 1 mother *haadha koo*  
*baay'een jaal'adha* I love my  
 mother very much. *haati kee*  
*jiruu?* Is your mother alive? 2  
 capital, i.e., initial amount of  
 money invested in business  
*bunni koo haadha na nyaate* Let  
 alone a profit, I lost even the  
 capital I invested in my coffee  
 business. 3 dealer, seller, or  
 vendor of *haadha qoraanii gatiin*  
*meeqa* Vendor/Owner of  
 firewood, how much is the price  
 of your firewood? 4 when  
 followed by a noun or proper  
 noun, it is used for addressing or  
 referring to a woman politely  
*haadha Boonaa eessa deemtu?*  
 Where are you going, Bona's  
 mother? **haadha biyyaa** *n* a  
 respectable, well known, usu  
 elderly woman in a commu-  
 nity **haadha cidhaa** *n* a wo-  
 man who hosts guests at a  
 ceremony or feast **haadha**  
**dubbii** *adj* talkative and  
 argumentative woman **haadha**  
**ijjoollee** *n* a mother of many  
 children and therefore usu

deserving sympathy and help  
**haadha ilmaa** *n* 1 mother of a  
 son or sons, therefore usu  
 respected and feared 2 a polite  
 tern of addressing a woman, usu  
 a stranger *haadha ilmaa ganda*  
*kana manni daadhii jiraa?* Lady, is  
 there a mead bar in this village?  
**haadha ittoo** *n* a woman who  
 lives with a family and is  
 responsible for household duties  
 such as cleaning, cooking,  
 washing, fetching water from a  
 spring/stream, etc. **haadha**  
**iyyeessaa** *n* 1 widow *mana*  
*haadha iyyeessaa* a home whee a  
 widow is the head of the family  
 who are usu considered  
 undisciplined, unmanageable,  
 and unruly 2 kind-hearted  
 woman who is good to the poor  
**haadha kiristinnaa** *n* (applies to  
 Christians) god-mother **haadha**  
**lafaa** *n* a rich, feudal lady who  
 has land **haadha manaa** *n* wife  
**haadha ormaa** *n* step-mother  
**haadha qeyee** *n* mother in  
 charge of the house and its  
 surrounding **haadha raawoo** *n*  
 (vulgar) mother fucker  
**haadha buddeenaa** Same as  
*haadha ormaa* under *haadha*  
**haadha gaayyaa** *n* a female bird  
 with unusually long tail;  
 probably trogon; see also *abbaa*  
*gaayyaa*  
**haadha gilgilii** *n* snail  
**haadha guuttoo** *n* eagle or hawk  
 with long crest  
**haadhamuu** See *haadhuu*

**haadha raawuu** (vulgar) Same as *haadha raawoo* under *haadha*  
**haadha sabaa** *n* stripped (black and white) climbing bean  
**haadha waaqoo** *n* pelican or heron  
**haadha warraa** *n* house wife  
**haadhoo** *adj, n* 1 of a hen that has laid eggs once or more times  
*indaaqqoo haadhoo* a hen 2 (of ewe, female deer, she-goat) one that has dropped or given birth once or more times *hoolaa haadhoo* a ewe; cf., *goromtii* 3 (endearment) brother or sister  
*haadhoo koo maal taate, ni/in rakkattee?* What is the matter my brother/sister, are you in some trouble?  
**haadhuu** *tv* 1 scratch about for sth, i.e., use the claws as chickens do when they dig the ground in search of food, etc.  
*indaaqqoon mana haate* The chickens have scratched about in the room *indaaqqoon haatee haatee aaduu ittiin qalamtu baafiti* (saying) Chickens scratch and scratch and expose the knife with which they are slaughtered.  
 2 poke or stir the fire *abidda haadhe* He poked the fire. 3 take fire from a neighbor's house *kan ofii yoo dhaame ollaa dhaa abidda haadhuun waan jiru* If one's own fire is extinguished, taking fire from one's neighbor's house is a common practice. **haadhamuu** *tv* be scratched **haasisuu** *tv* cause to scratch *achi teessee indaaqqoo*

*mana haasif(s)taa?* You just sit there and let the chicken scratch the floor ?

**haafa**<sup>1</sup> Same as *eefa*

**haafa**<sup>2</sup> *n* straw used as fire wood; see also *hafaa*

**haafa'uu** *iv* be too eager/anxious to get sth *mucaa argachuuf haafa'a* He is very eager to get a child.

**hafessuu** *tv* cause to be eager

**haafoftuu** *adj* eager; anxious

**haafeessuu** See *haafa'uu*

**haafoftuu** See *haafa'uu*

**haafoytu** Same as *haafoftuu* under *haafa'uu*

**haaga** Same as *awuu*

**haajaa** Same as *dhimma* (1)

**haakkii** *n* sputum

**haala** Same as *aala*

**haalachiisuu** See *haalachuu*

**haalachuu** *tv* hate or scare, i.e., make afraid **haalachiisuu** *tv* cause to hate or fear **haalatamuu** *tv* be hated or be feared

**haalamuu** *tv* (passive) be denied, i.e. be told that sth is not true; see also *aaluu*

**haala qabeessa** *adj* (of male humans) free of any scandal or shame; respectable

**haalatamuu** See *haalachuu*

**haalchuu** *tv* make sb fear sth *ani qawwee qaba jedhee dubbachuun isaa ana hin haalchine* His talk about his gun didn't make me be afraid of him.

**haaloo** Same as *aaloo*

**haamaa** See *haamuu*

**haamaraawuu** *iv* (used of hair, string, warp, weft) become

tangled *rifeensi koo ni/in*  
*haamaraaye* My hair became tangled.

**haammachiisuu** Same as  
*aammachiisuu* under *aammachuu*<sup>1</sup>

**haammachuu** See *haamuu*

**haammattuu** *n* 1 a hen that sits;  
 see also *aammattuu* under  
*aammachuu*<sup>1</sup> 2 (neologism)  
 parentheses

**haamsifachuu** See *haamuu*

**haamsisuu** See *haamuu*

**haamtuu** See *haamuu*

**haamuu** *tv* 1 cut or mow *marga*  
*haame* He mowed the grass. 2  
 cut, harvest, or reap grains such  
 as barley, wheat, *xaafii*, etc., with  
 a sickle *kaleessa qamadii haamaa*  
*oolan* They were cutting  
 (harvesting/reaping) the wheat  
 the whole day yesterday **haamaa**  
*n* the act of cutting, mowing, or  
 reaping *marga haamaa deeme* He  
 went out to mow grass.

**haammachuu** *tv* cut, harvest,  
 mow, or reap for self *marga*  
*haammatee fudhattee galte* She cut  
 grass and took it home.

**haamsifachuu** *tv* cause to mow,  
 reap, cut, harvest for self *qamadii*  
*isaa nama baay'ee haamsifate* He  
 made many people reap his  
 wheat for himself. **haamsisuu** *tv*  
 cause to/make mow, reap,  
 harvest, or cut *marga na haamsise*  
 He made me mow the grass.

**haamtuu** *adj, n* 1 sickle 2 (usu of  
 maize/corn) green or unripe  
*boqqolloon inni kun haamtuu dha*

*hin falfalamu* This corn is green; it  
 won't be shelled easily.

**haancaa** Same as *aancaa*

**haanfachuu** Same as *dhuguu*

**haanfuu** Same as *qaluu* (1)

**haangaa** Same as *humna*<sup>2</sup>

**haangii** Same as *humna*<sup>2</sup>

**haannan** Same as *aannan* (1)

**haannoolee** Same as *aannoolee*

**haanquu**<sup>1</sup> Same as *aanquu*

**haanquu**<sup>2</sup> Same as *jijim* under  
*jijimatee*

**haanuu** Same as *aanuu*

**haanxaa** Same as *aanxaa* under  
*aanxa'uu*

**haanxa'uu** Same as *aanxa'uu*

**haanxessuu** Same as *aanxessuu*  
 under *aanxa'uu*

**haanxii** Same as *aanxaa* under  
*aanxa'uu*

**haaraa** See *haara'uu*

**haara'uu** *iv* be new *uffati*  
*ammamuu yoo miiccan hin aara'u*  
 No matter how much they are  
 washed, clothes cannot be new.

**haaraa** *adj* new; strange *kittaa*  
*haaraa naa biti* Buy me a new  
 shirt. *dubbiin kun anaaf haaraa dha*  
 This (e.g., what you have just  
 told me) is strange for me.

**haaressisuu** *tv* make sb modify  
 sth and make it look like new

**haaressuu** *tv* cause to look like  
 new; renew

**haarawa** Same as *haaraa* under  
*haara'uu*

**haarayaa** Same as *haaraa* under  
*haara'uu*

**haarechiisuu** Same as *haaressisuu*  
 under *haara'uu*



**haaressiisuu** See *haara'uu*  
**haaressuu** See *haara'uu*  
**haarii** Same as *aarii* under *aaruu*  
**haarrii**<sup>1</sup> *adj, n* 1 gray/grey hair 2 silk on ear of corn 3 be/become mouldy *buddeenni kun haarrii baaseeraa gati* This bread has become mouldy; throw it away. **haarrii baasuu** *iv* turn gray or grey *namni tokko tokko utuu hin dulloomin haarrii baasa* Some people grey or gray without necessarily getting old.  
**haarrii**<sup>2</sup> *n* silk  
**haarsuu** Same as *aarsuu* under *aaruu*  
**haaruu** Same as *aaruu*  
**haasaa** Same as *aasaa*  
**haasa'achuu** Same as *aasa'chuu* under *aasa'uu*  
**haasa'uu** Same as *aasa'uu*  
**haasisuu** See *haadhuu*  
**haasofsiifachuu** Same as *aasofsiifachuu* under *aasa'uu*  
**haasofsiisuu** Same as *aasofsiisuu* under *aasa'uu*  
**haasoftuu** Same as *aasoftuu* under *aasa'uu*  
**haasolee** *n* shrew, i.e., bad woman  
**haatachiisuu** See *hatachuu*  
**haatachuu** *iv* beckon to sb *jarjaraan nama itti adeemaa jiru haatata* (proverb) A person in a hurry beckons (to sb who is going towards him because he is absorbed in some thought).  
**haatachiisuu** *tv* cause to beckon to sb **haatamuu** *tv* (passive) be beckoned  
**haatamuu** See *haatachuu*

**haatii** Same as *aatii*  
**haatuu**<sup>1</sup> *adj* of a woman who scatters things all over the place  
**haatuu**<sup>2</sup> *n* 1 a bird, particularly a partridge, that scratches the ground and eats the sown seeds 2 anything used for scooping grain, etc.  
**haayi haayi** 1 an expression used when mediating/separating persons who are fighting or who have quarrelled *haayi haayi jedhee gargar nu qabe* He intervened between us and prevented us from fighting. 2 expression used to pacify, welcome, etc., cattle.  
**habaabayyuu** Same as *abaabayyuu*  
**habaaboo** Same as *abaaboo*  
**habaabuu** *iv* (used of persons whose intention is to meet) cross each other, i.e., pass in opposite directions  
**habaarsa** Same as *abaarsa* under *abaaruu*  
**habaayyoo** Same as *abaayyoo*  
**habadan** Same as *abadan*  
**habadarraa** Same as *handarraa*  
**habalak gochuu** *tv* snatch, i.e., grasp or seize suddenly *irsaasii koo hablak godhee fiige* He snatched my pencil and ran away.  
**habalakuu** Same as *habalak gochuu*  
**habalee** *n* 1 Same as *aalbee* 2 a child's hair style in which a line of hair (from forehead to nape) is left unshaved after both sides of the line of hair are shaved  
**habaqa** Same as *bal'aa* under *bal'achuu*

**habaqaa** *n* chaff  
**habaqaawuu**<sup>1</sup> Same as *bal'achuu*  
**habaqaawuu**<sup>2</sup> *tv* (used of  
 sawdust, very small pieces of  
 chaff, etc.) spill on; scatter  
*habaqiin uffata kootti habaqaaye*  
 Chaff dust spilled on my clothes.  
**habaqaessuu** *tv* cause to spill or  
 scatter **habaqii** *n* chaff dust  
**habaqaessuu** See *habaqaawuu*  
**habaqii** See *habaqaawuu*  
**habarii** *n* tassel of sorghum  
**habashii** *n* 1 stew made from  
 ground peas 2 Same as *sunqoo*  
**habbayyoo** Same as *abbayyoo*  
**habbisuu** *iv* go or walk fast  
*namichi habbisee na gate* The man  
 walked too fast for me and left  
 me behind.  
**habbuudduu** Same as *abbuudduu*  
**habbuuqa** Same as *abbuuqqii*  
 under *abbuuquu*  
**habbuuqamuu** Same as  
*abbuuqamuu* under *abbuuquu*  
**habbuuqqachiisuu** Same as  
*abbuuqqachiisuu* under *abbuuquu*  
**habbuuqqachuu** Same as  
*abbuuqqachuu* under *abbuuquu*  
**habbuuqqii** Same as *abbuuqqii*  
 under *abbuuquu*  
**habbuuqsisuu** Same as  
*abbuuqsisuu* under *abbuuquu*  
**habbuuquu** Same as *abbuuquu*  
**habdarraa** Same as *handarraa*  
**habhaab** *n* watermelon  
**habirroo** *n* tag, i.e., children's  
 game  
**haboo** *n* aunt, i.e., one's mother's  
 sister

**haboochisuu** Same as *aboochisuu*  
 under *abootuu*  
**haboota** Same as *aboota* under  
*abootuu*  
**habootamuu** Same as *abootamuu*  
 under *abootuu*  
**haboottee** Same as *aboottee* under  
*abootuu*  
**haboottifachuu** Same as  
*abootteefachuu* under *abootuu*  
**haboottoo** Same as *aboottuu* under  
*abootuu*  
**haboottuu** Same as *aboottuu* under  
*abootuu*  
**habootuu** Same as *abootuu*  
**habruu** Same as *arbuu*  
**habucaa** *n* 1 Same as *huuba* 2 Same  
 as *qoraan*  
**habudduu** Same as *abbuudduu*  
**habujadii** Same as *abujadii*  
**habuubbii** Same as *abuubbii*  
**habuucaa** *n* dirt, rubbish, garbage,  
 or refuse  
**habuyuu** *n* a maternal uncle  
**hacancarii** Same as *axanxarii*  
**hacanxarii** Same as *axanxarii*  
**hachisiisuu** See *hatuu*  
**hacuucamuu** Same as  
*cunqurfamuu* under *cunqursuu*  
**hacuuccaa** Same as *cunqursaa*  
 under *cunqursuu*  
**hacuucuu** Same as *cunqursuu*  
**hadaamii** Same as *adaamii*  
**hadaanoo** *n* unprocessed butter;  
 see also *addaannoo*  
**hadaanuu** Same as *haddaanuu*  
**hadammaa** Same as *adaamii*  
**hadaraa** Same as *adaraa*  
**hadaree** *n* any missile-like object  
 to throw and hit sth/sb with; see

- also *murxuxxee* under *murxuxxeessuu*
- hadasii** Same as *adasii*
- hadda** Same as *adda*
- haddaachuu** Same as *addaachuu*
- haddaanuu** *n* fresh butter
- haddub jechuu** *iv* fall to the ground with a plop *atuma deemuu addub jedhe* He fell down with a plop while walking.
- hadhaa** *n* 1 geometrid, inchworms, or measuring worms 2 infection *madaan quba isaa hadhaa itti ta'e* The sore on his finger has become infectious. 3 poison *hadhaa dhaan isa ajjeesan* They poisoned him and killed him
- hadhaawuu** *iv* tase bitter *qorichi kun ni/in hadhaaya* This medicine tastes bitter. **hadhaayaa** *adj* bitter *qoricha hadhaayaa tokko naa kennani* They gave me a bitter medicine. **hadheessuu** *tv* 1 cause to be bitter *afaan koo na hadheesse* It made me my mouth bitter. 2 belittle or disparage, what sb says *dubbii koo na duraa hadheessite* You/She disparaged the importance of what I said.
- hadhooftuu** *n* 1 bile 2 calabash or gourd, usu when green and fresh
- hadhaba** *n* desolate expanse or wilderness or forest *hadhabatti na gatee na bira darbe* He left me in a desolate forest and went away.
- hadhaayaa** See *hadhaawuu*
- hadheessuu** See *hadhaawuu*
- hadhooftuu** See *hadhaawuu*
- hadhoytuu** Same as *hadhooftuu* under *hadhaawuu*
- hadiyyaawuu** *iv* (applies to place) be deserted, i.e., be empty; be abandoned **hadiyyoo** *adj* abandoned or deserted
- hadiyyoo** See *hadiyyaawuu*
- hadufaa** Same as *haduffaa*
- haduffaa** Same as *migira*
- hafaa** *n* straw used as mattress
- hafaqqee** Same as *folloqaa* (1) under *folloquu*
- hafarsuu** Same as *afarsuu*
- haffallii** Same as *salphaa* under *salphachuu*
- haf gochuu** *tv* cut with a very sharp edge or slash suddenly and fast *billaan haf godhee quba koo na mure* The knife slashed my finger.
- hafii** *n* grain left unintentionally in a harvest field and gleaned later on
- hafraa** See *harfuu*
- hafraasaa** Same as *arfaasaa*
- hafruu** Same as *harfuu*
- haftuu** Same as *aftuu* under *afuu*<sup>2</sup>
- hafuu** Same as *afuu*
- hafuura** Same as *afuura*
- hafuura baafachuu** Same as *afuura baafachuu* under *afuura*
- hafuura baasuu** Same as *afuura baasuu* under *afuura*
- hafuura qabaachu** Same as *qaba qabaachuu* under *quba*
- hafuursuu** Same as *afuursuu*
- haga** Same as *awuu*
- hagabsiisuu** See *hagabsuu*
- hagabsuu** *tv* make a person or animal hungry by not feeding

him/her *maaliif akkana na*  
*hagabsitaa midhaan naa kenni* Why  
 are you making me so hungry?  
 Give me food. **hagabsiisuu** *tv*  
 cause to be hungry *akka iseen*  
*midhaan naa hin kennine itti himee*  
*na hagabsiisa* He told her not to  
 give me food and indirectly  
 caused my hunger. **hagabuu** *n*,  
*iv* **1** hunger *agabuutu na qabe*  
 Hunger has seized me, so to  
 speak. **2** be hungry *nan hagabe* I  
 am hungry. See also *agabuu*  
**hagabuu** See *hagabsuu*  
**hagadaa** Same as *agadaa*  
**hagaggaraa** Same as *migra*  
**hagamsa** Same as *agamsa*  
**hagana** Same as *amma kana* under  
*amma*<sup>1</sup>  
**hagayya** *n* August  
**hagiitara** Same as *agiixara*  
**hagoobara** Same as *daatuu*  
**hagooggachuu** Same as  
*aguuggachuu*  
**hagooggii** Same as *aguuggii*  
**haguu** Same as *aguu*  
**hguuggachuu** Same as  
*aguuggachuu*  
**haguuggii** Same as *aguuggii*  
**haguuguu** See *aguuguu* under  
*aguuggachuu*  
**hajamuu** Same as *ajjamuu*  
**hajiisa** See *hajiisa'uu*  
**hajiisa'uu** *iv* be pale and weak; be  
 cadaverous *maaliif akkana hajiisa'e*  
 Why has he become so  
 cadaverous? **hajiisa** *adj* pale;  
 weak; cadaverous  
**hakiimii** Same as *akiimii* under  
*akkamuu*

**hakkammachuu** Same as  
*akkammachuu* under *akkamuu*  
**hakkamsiisuu** Same as  
*akkamsiisuu* under *akkamuu*  
**hakkamuu** Same as *akkamuu*  
**hakkifachuu** Same as *akkifachuu*  
**hakkii** Same as *akkii* under  
*akkifachuu*  
**hakkoo** Same as *akkoo*  
**halaachuu** Same *komachuu*  
**halaal** *n* (usu of meat) clean and  
 sanctified  
**halaala** **1** Same as *fagoo* (1) under  
*fagaachuu* **2** Same as *waraabessa*  
 (1)  
**halaalii** *n* a small load that is put  
 on top of or squeezed in between  
 two major loads on a pack  
 animal's back  
**halaanhala** *n* sheep disease  
**halaatamuu** Same as *komatamuu*  
**halachuu** Same as *komachuu*  
**halagaa** Same as *alagaa*  
**halagummaa** Same as *alagummaa*  
 under *alagaa*  
**halala** Same *alala*  
**halalaa** Same as *migira*  
**halalee** Same as *alalee*  
**halaltuu** Same as *alaltuu*  
**halaluu** *iv* have sexual intercourse  
 before marriage *namni halaluu*  
*jaal'atuu bultii hin godhatu jedhu*  
 They say that a person who likes  
 to have sex before marriage can't  
 form a close relationship  
 (through marriage).  
**halamshuu** Same as *alanfachuu*  
**halangee** Same as *alangee*  
**halatamuu** Same as *jibbamuu*  
**halayaa** Same as *allayyaa*

**halbakkuu** *adj* gluttonous, i.e., one who eats too much in a greedy manner; see also *albaadhessa*

**halbee** Same as *aalbee*

**haleeluu** Same as *aleeluu*

**halgata** Same as *qorii*<sup>3</sup>

**halkan** Same as *alkan*

**halkanaawuu** Same as *alkanaawuu*

**halkaneeffachuu** Same as *alkaneeffachuu* under *alkanaawuu*

**halkaneessuu** Same as

*alkaneeffachuu* under *alkanaawuu*

**halkan wadhakkaa** Same as *alkan walakkaa* under *alkanaawuu*

**halkan wallakkaa** Same as *alkan wallakkaa* under *alkanaawuu*

**halkoo** Same as *meetii*

**hallachuu** *iv* 1 *be/become* crimson, scarlet, or deep red *bunni muka arraa hallateera* The coffee beans on the trees have become deep red. 2 Same as *gangalachuu* **halleessuu** *tv* cause to be red **halluu** *adj, n* 1 crimson red *bunni muka arraa halluu ta'e/bu'e* The coffee berries on the tree have become red. 2 paint of different colors

**hallagaa** Same as *allagaa* under *allaguu*

**halagata** Same as *qorii*<sup>3</sup>

**hallaguu** Same as *allaguu*

**hallayyaa** Same as *allayyaa*

**hallee** *adv, pron* all kinds of *waan halle nyaatee dhukkubsate* He ate all sorts of food and became sick/ill. *gaafa/naqa/yaroo halle* every day/every time *iddoo halle* everywhere *uma/waan halle*

*nyaata* He eats everything. *waan halletti amana* He believes in everything *dhufuu danda'ee hin beeku; waan halleefuu manatti na eegi* I don't think I can come; in any case, wait for me in the house.

**hallee bartee** *adj* (usu of a young girl) precocious; active, usu sexually

**halleessuu** See *hallachuu*

**halloo** *n* a kind of thorny lowland tree

**halluu** See *hallachuu*

**halooba** *adj* (usu of water) stagnant and smelly

**halusa** *n* (applies to stomach) paunch

**haluu** 1 Same *aaloo* 2 Same as *laguu*

**haluu baasuu** *tv* cause sb to do/perform what custom demands and get it over (with) *ilma isaa dhanna qabsiisee haluu baaseera* He had his son circumcised, and he is glad his son got it over with.

**haluu bawuu** *iv* get sth over (with), usu sth unpleasant that one has to do because it is imposed by custom *dhanna qabadhee haluu bayeera* I'm circumcised, and I'm glad to get it over with.

**hama** See *hamachuu*

**hamaa** See *hammaachuu*

**hamaa gaaguraa** *n* honey badger/ratel believed to steal honey from hives at night

**hamaamoo** *n* green or unripe corn on the cob

**hamaamota** Same as *asamaamota*

**hamaaqixa** Same as *siddisa*

**hamaccaraa** Same as *amaccaraa*

**hamachuu** *tv* back-bite, i.e., slander the character of a person by speaking behind him/her *na hamatte*; *kanaafan isee dhaan ooda* I am not on speaking terms with her because she backbit me.

**hama** *n* backbiting *hama hin jaal'u* I don't like backbiting.

**hamattuu** *adj* (of a person) back-biter

**hamadaaya** Same as *amadaaya*

**hamadaya** Same as *amadaaya*

**hamadeessa** Same as *amadaaya*

**hamagota** Same as *hamaa gaaguraa*

**hamagotaa** Same as *hamaa gaaguraa*

**hamajaajii** Same as *amajaajii*

**hamalchiisuu** *tv* cause to crave, desire, wish

**hamaqixa** Same as *siddisa*

**hamara** *n* falcon

**hamaraa** Same as *gobocoroo*

**hamartii** Same as *amartii*

**hamarxaammaa** Same as *awwaaaroo*

**hamashaa** See *hamashuu*

**hamashuu** *tv* (applies to a married woman's hair style) part the hair and cover it with a piece of cloth **hamashaa** *n* a married woman's hair style

**hamata** Same as *hama* under *hamachuu*

**hamattuu** See *hammachuu*

**hamawayii** Same as *sattawwaa*

**hambaa** *n* 1 Same as *ambaa* under *ambisuu* 2 a kind of fruit

**hambaawoo** *n* climbing plant, usu used as a feed for calves

**hambabeessa** Same as *ambabbeessa*

**hambifachuu** Same as *ambifachuu* under *ambisuu*

**hambisuu** Same as *ambisuu*

**hamfala** *n* 1 Same as *sabbata* or

*qabattoo* 2 skirt 3 Same as *naadheen*; see also *amfala*

**hamichoo** Same as *hammichoo*

**hamii** Same as *hama* under *hamachuu*

**hamilee**<sup>1</sup> Same as *amilee*

**hamilee**<sup>2</sup> *n* coffee beans (symbolic significance) that elders take to the parents of a girl when they negotiate for the girl's hand on behalf of a man they represent

**hamiluu** Same as *dharra'uu*

**hamlu** Same as *hamiluu*; see also *amlu*

**hamma** Same as *amma*

**hammaachuu** *iv* be mean, i.e., lack kindness and good will *natti hammaatan* They were mean to me. **hamaa** *adj* (of male animals or humans) mean, i.e., cruel, ill-tempered, malicious, or vicious *namichi kun hamaa dhaa isa hin tuqin* You had better not provoke this man; he is mean

**hammeenya** *n* 1 meanness 2 grave; funeral **hammeessuu** *tv* cause to be mean **hamttuu** *adj* (of animals or persons) mean, i.e., cruel, ill-tempered, malicious, or vicious *namicha/niitii/gaangee*

- hamtuu* a vicious man/woman/mule
- hammaarrii** Same as *ammaarrii* under *ammaaruu*
- hammaaruu** Same as *ammaaruu*
- hammaattuu** Same as *aammattuu* under *aammachuu*<sup>1</sup>
- hammachuu** Same as *aammachuu*<sup>1</sup> (1)
- hammakam** Same as *ammam* under *amma*<sup>1</sup>
- hammam** Same as *ammam* under *amma*<sup>1</sup>
- hamma malee** *adv* more than what is necessary; too much
- hammana** Same as *ammana* under *amma*<sup>1</sup>
- hammannaa** *n* embracing
- hamma qabaachuu** *iv* be moderate/unextreme; act in moderation *jaalalli/kolfii/booyichi yoo hamma qabaate wayya* It is better to love/laugh/cry in moderation.
- hammas** Same as *ammas* under *amma*<sup>2</sup>
- hammatamuu** *tv* (passive) be embraced affectionately
- hammattuu** *adj* 1 of a female that embraces affectionately 2 of a hen that sits
- hamma wayii** Same as *sattawwaa*
- hammayyaa** Same as *ammayyaa*
- hammayyeessuu** Same as *ammayyeessuu*
- hammeechuu** Same as *hammeessuu* under *hammaachuu*
- hammeenya** See *hammaachuu*
- hammichoo** *n* a tuber (root) of *qoccoo*, boiled and eaten
- hammina** Same as *hammeenya* under *hammaachuu*
- hamoommachiisuu** Same as *amuummachiisuu* under *amuummachuu*
- hamoommachuu** Same as *amuummachuu*
- hamoomota** Same as *amaamota*
- hamooqa** *n* large cup
- hamphata** *n* plant gum used as medicine for stomach ache
- hamphee** Same as *haphee*
- hamtuu** See *hammaachuu*
- hamuummachiisuu** Same as *amuummachiisuu*
- hamuummachuu** Same as *amuummachuu*
- hamuummii** Same as *amuummii* under *amuummachuu*
- hamuuna** Same as *dharraa* under *dharra'uu*
- hamuuraa** *n* a substance with which women decorate their finger-nails; in function similar to nail polish or nail enamel
- hamxiixii** *n* a kind of dough made from *qoccoo*
- han** Same as *kan*<sup>1</sup>
- hancabbii** Same as *ancabbii*
- hancaqee** Same as *ancaqqee*
- hancaqqee** *n* chewing gum obtained from the trunks of gum trees
- hanciroo** Same as *anciroo*
- hancootee** Same as *ancootee*
- hancufa** Same as *ancufa*
- hancuraa** Same as *busuqqee*
- handaaqqoo** Same as *indaaqqoo*
- handaara** Same as *andaara*

- handaaroo** *n* a large gourd  
container for butter or honey
- handaqa** Same as *boolla*
- handaqii** Same as *andaqii*
- handaraafa** Same as *andaraafa*
- handaraquu** *iv* fail to reach one's  
goal or fail to complete what one  
has started to do
- handarii** Same as *gugee*
- handarraa** *n* goat/sheep disease  
that causes swelling of the lips
- handhuura** Same as *andhuura*  
under *andhuuruu*
- handhuurtaa** *n* center
- handhuurtuu** Same as *andhuurtuu*  
under *andhuuruu*
- handhuuruu**<sup>1</sup> Same as *andhuuruu*
- handhuuruu**<sup>2</sup> Same as  
*gowwoomsuu*
- handoodee** Same as *andoodee*
- handoolessa** Same as *andoolessa*
- hanfachuu** Same as *dhuguu*
- hangaasuu** Same as *angaasuu*  
under *anga'uu*
- hangafa** Same as *angafa*
- hangam** Same as *angam*
- hanga'uu** Same as *anga'uu*
- hangii** Same as *humna*<sup>2</sup>
- hangullaa** *n* brain, i.e., the mass of  
nerve tissue
- hanjabaa** Same as *qoosaa* under  
*qoosuu*
- hankaakissee** Same as *ankaassee*
- hankaaksee** Same as *ankaaksee*
- hankaaksuu** Same as *ankaaksuu*  
under *ankaakuu*
- hankaakuu** Same as *ankaakuu*
- hankaassee** Same as *ankaaksee*
- hanna** See *hatuu*
- hanniisaa** Same as *anniisaa*
- hanqa 1** Same as *cirrii arbaa 2*  
Same as *anga/amma*
- hanqaaquu** Same as *anqaaquu*
- hanqachuu** Same as *anqachuu*
- hanqata**<sup>1</sup> *n* a kind of plant used as  
medicine for stomach ache
- hanqata**<sup>2</sup> Same as *hamphata*
- hanqisuu** Same as *anqisuu* under  
*anqachuu*
- hanqooqqii** Same as *anqooqqii*  
under *anqooquu*
- hanqooquu** Same as *anqooquu*
- hanquu** Same as *anquu* under  
*anqachuu*
- hansaraa** Same as *abarii* under  
*abagaawuu*
- hantuuta** Same as *antuuta*
- hantuutee** Same as *antuutee*
- hantuutoo** Same as *antuutee*
- hanunnuu** *adj* tall *nama/muka*  
*hanunnuu* a tall man/tree
- hanxarafa** *n* a plant the sap of  
which causes sore (on the skin)
- hanxarfaa** Same as *hanxarafa*
- hanxaxii** Same as *anxaxii*
- hanxessuu** Same as *aanxeessuu*  
under *aanxa'uu*
- hanxiffachiisuu** Same as  
*axxiffachiisuu* under *axxiffachuu*
- hanxiffachuu** Same as *axxiffachuu*
- hanyoo** *n* children's word for  
food, especially for meat
- ha'oo** *n* 1 molar or grinder 2 inner  
side of human cheek
- haphachuu** *iv* (used of clothes,  
crops, hair, etc.) become light or  
sparse; thin *rifeesni isee haphateera*  
Her hair has become thin. *kittaankoo baayyee haphate* My shirt is  
too light. *boqqolloon kee ni/in*



*haphate* Your corn on the ground is scanty. **haphii** *adj* light, sparse, or thin *waraqata haphii* thin paper  
**haphina** *n* lightness, sparseness/sparsity or thinness  
**haphisuu** *tv* (usu used of clothes or crops) cause to be light, sparse, or thin; thin out *biqiltuu isaa arraa haphiseera* He thinned out the seedlings.  
**haphee** *n* gum or resin *haphee mukaa* tree gum  
**haphii** See *haphachuu*  
**haphina** See *haphachuu*  
**haphisuu** See *haphachuu*  
**haqa** *n* lawful claim; one's own property obtained through honest and hard work  
**haqaara** *n* bunch or bundle, usu of *caatii*  
**haqaaruu** Same as *agaaduu*  
**haqachuu**<sup>1</sup> See *haquu*  
**haqachuu**<sup>2</sup> *iv* (applies to color of objects) fade *kittaa kun awuu miiccamuu ni/in haqata* When it is washed, the color of this shirt fades.  
**haqanqaalamuu** See *haqanqaaluu*  
**haqanqaaluu** *tv* (applies to the neck) twist **haqanqaalamuu** *tv* (passive) be twisted  
**haqattuu** *adj* (of a female, usu humans) that resembles her father or mother  
**haqiila** *adj* expert; knowledgeable  
**haqla** Same as *haqiila*  
**haqooqqii** Same as *anqooqqii*  
**haqooquu** Same as *anqooquu*  
**haqqee** See *hooqqisuu*

**haqqii** Same as *dhugaa* (1) under *dhugoomuu*  
**haqqisiisuu** Same as *hooqqisiisuu* under *hooqqisuu*  
**haqqisuu** 1 Same as *hooqqisuu* 2 Same as *daguuguu*  
**haquu** *tv* (usu applies to semi-liquid) wipe, i.e., clean by removing *gindoo arraa dhoqqee haqi* Remove the mud from the plow beam **haqachuu** *tv* 1 clean or wipe semi-liquid off oneself *xirinyiin asitti haqattee dabarte* A civet cat left its civet here, i.e., by scratching itself against a tree, and passed. 2 (fig) blame sth, usu one's own fault, on sb *balleessaa isaa natti haqate* He blamed his own fault on me.  
**haqxuu** *n* wiper, usu used for removing mud from a plow  
**haqxuu** See *haquu*  
**har'a** *adv*, *n* 1 today *har'a dhufe* He came today. *torban har'aa dhufa* He is coming a week from today. 2 during or at the present time *namni har'aa waan baay'ee beeka* People of today know a lot more (than those of yesterday). *makiinaan har'aa akka isa durii jaba* Today's cars are not as strong as old models. **har'aa bor** *adv* every time, frequently; now and then; time and again; times without number *har'aa bor nu hidhu* They imprison us every time. **har'uma** *adv* (emphatic) today, no other day *kittaa koo har'uma naa hodhi* Tailor my shirt

for me today (don't put it off till tomorrow).

**hara** Same as *haroo* (1)

**haraa**<sup>1</sup> Same as *ashartuu*

**haraa**<sup>2</sup> See *haruu*

**haraama** Same as *araama*

**haraamii** Same as *araama*

**haraaxaa** Same as *araaxaa*

**harachuu** See *haruu*

**haraddoo** Same as *coqorsa*

**haramaa**<sup>1</sup> See *haruu*

**haramaa**<sup>2</sup> Same as *aramaa* under *aramuu*

**haramachuu** Same as *aramachuu* under *aramuu*

**hara malee** Same as *akka malee* under *akka*

**haramsiisuu** Same as *aramsiisuu* under *aramuu*

**haramuu** Same as *aramuu*

**harancii** Same as *arancii*

**harangamaa** Same as *arangamaa*

**Harar** *n* capital of Harargee, eastern Oromiyaa

**hararuu** *iv* be tired/exhausted  
*gurbaan yaroo xiqqoo taphatee*  
*harare* The boy became tired after playing for a little while.

**harata**<sup>1</sup> *adj, n* 1 Same as *hartuu* under *haruu* 2 (of commodity or goods) be so abundant that it is dirt-cheap *gabaatti har'a midhaan*  
*harata* Today grain is dirt-cheap in the market

**harata**<sup>2</sup> *n* trap; see also *kiyyoo*

**harawaa** *adj* 1 Same as *haaraa* 2 (of clothes/animals) red *sa'a*  
*harawaa* a red cow

**harawaca** Same as *arawaca*

**harawwaa** Same as *arawacaa*

**harayaa** *adj, n* 1 Same as *haaraa* 2  
Same as *karkarroo*

**harba** Same as *arba*

**harbaqa** Same as *bal'aa* under *bal'achuu*

**harbaqawuu** Same as *bal'achuu*

**harbageessuu** Same as *bal'isuu* under *bal'achuu*

**harboo** *n* multi-legged water creature, probably crab

**harbuu** Same as *arbuu*

**harcaasuu** Same as *arcaasuu* under *arca'auu*

**harcaatuu** Same as *arcaatuu* under *arca'uu*

**harca'uu** Same as *arca'uu*

**harcee** *n* flour; see also *daakuu*

**harcummee** Same as *arcummee*

**hardha** Same as *har'a*

**hardhaa boruu** Same as *har'aa bor* under *har'a*

**hardhuma** Same as *har'uma* under *har'a*

**har diidaa** *n* zebra (lit a donkey that refused to be tamed)

**hareeda** *n* 1 Same as *areeda* 2 *chin*

**hareedoo** *adj* bearded;  
bewhiskered *reettii hareedoo* a whiskered goat; see also *areedoo* under *areeda*

**hareera** Same as *areera*

**hareeruu** *tv* 1 add butter-milk to *buddeenni koo daphoo na duraa ta'ee itti naa hareeri* Add butter-milk to my bread. 2 dilute (usu milk) *aannanitti bishaan hareerte* She diluted the milk (with water).

**harfaa** See *harfuu*

**harfuu** *iv* (of sore) become infectious or gangrenous i.e., be incurable. **hafraa** *n* infected/gangrenous sore or wound that doesn't heal easily  
**hargansiisuu** Same as *argansiisuu* under *arganuu*  
**hargansuu** Same as *argansuu* under *arganuu*  
**harganuu** Same as *arganuu*  
**hargeessa** *n* a flowering lowland tree the sap/juice of which is bitter  
**hargufuu** Same as *urgufuu*  
**harii** Same as *arii*  
**hariira** *n* silk (usu refers to material made from silk); see also *haarrii*<sup>2</sup>  
**hariira nagaa** Same as *hiriira nagaa/nagayaa* under *hiriiruu*  
**hariiroo** *n* a relationship between *hariiroo barataa fi barsiisaa gidduu* a relationship between pupil and teacher  
**harinta** *n* dirty and dark room  
**harka** Same as *arka*  
**harkaa** Same as *arkaa*  
**harkaan deemuu** *tv* steal; bribe  
**harka bal'achuu** *iv* be generous  
**harka dhawuu** *iv* clap or applaud  
**harka jabaachuu** *iv* be stingy  
**harka laachuu** *tv* lend a hand; help sb who is working  
**harka lafa jalaa** *m* secret activity  
**harka qallachuu** *iv* be hard up; have less than what one used to have *harka qalladheen si gargaaruu daxxabe* I couldn't assist you financially because I am hard up myself.

**harka sablachuu** *tv* work or do sth fast  
**harka toluu** *iv* be handy and do sth well  
**harkee** Same as *arkee*  
**harkifachuu** Same as *arkifachuu* under *arkisuu*  
**harkiiftuu** Same as *arkiftuu* under *arkisuu*  
**harkisoo** Same as *arkisoo*  
**harkisuu** Same as *arkisuu*  
**harkoo** *n* fodder (believed to induce milk) for a cow the calf of which has died  
**harkuu** *adj* (usu of a cow, the calf of which is dead) dry *sa'i koo harkuu dha* My cow is dry (because her calf is dead).  
**harma** Same as *arma*  
**harmal** *n* a kind of tree the root of which has medicinal value  
**harmala** *adj* of a woman who lives alone and without a husband  
**harmee** Same as *armee*  
**haroo** *n* 1 lake or pool 2 Same as *raaree*  
**haroorecha** Same as *harooressa*  
**harooressa** *n* 1 kind of tree 2 Same as *ulee* 3 skin and hair cream  
**harqa** Same as *carqa* under *carquu*  
**harqaan** *n* a variety of sorghum  
**harqoota** Same as *waanjoo*  
**harquu** *iv* 1 blubber or sob, i.e., cry noisily 2 Same as *mal'atteeffachuu*  
**harraagecha** Same as *arraagessa*  
**harraagessa** Same as *arraagessa*  
**harraagoo** Same as *arraagessa*  
**harraaqoo** Same as *uukkoo*

**harraawuu** *iv* be stupid (lit be like a donkey)

**harraba saree** *iv* (usu of local bread) be very thin *buddeenni kun amma arraba sareeti* This bread is very thin.

**harrawa** *adj* red

**harre diidoo** *n* zebra

**harree** *adj, n* 1 ass, burro, or donkey 2 (fig) stupid *mucaan koo namicha harree kanatti hin eerumtu* My daughter won't marry this ass, i.e., stupid man

**harreedaa** See *harreeduu*

**harreeduu** Same as *fiiguu*

**harreedaa** *adj* very fast runner  
*farda harreedaa* a fast horse

**harrii** Same as *haarii*<sup>1</sup>

**harrittaa** *adj, n* 1 Same as *arrittaa* 2

Same as *ariitii* under *ariifachuu* 3 (of skin) grey, usu for lack of oil  
*gurbaa arritta* a boy with dry and grayish skin 4 Same as *qoddoo*

**harrittaa budaa** *n* an obnoxious smelling grey plant

**harrittii** Same as *qoddoo*

**harsama** Same as *arsama*

**harsasee** Same as *huuba qoonqoo*

**harsassaawuu** *iv* (used of grain, stalk, wood, etc., that has become dry rot) crumble, decay, or rot *boqqolloon koo daaniwoo dhaan harsassaaye* My corn has been rotted by weevils. *manni koo harsassaayeera* My house has crumbled. **harsasseessuu** *tv* cause to/make decay and crumble *daaniwootu boqqolloo koo harsasseesse* Weevils made my corn decay and crumble.

**harsasseessuu** See *harsassaawuu*

**harsiisuu** See *haruu*

**hartii** Same as *arii*

**hartuu** See *haruu*

**haruu** *iv, tv* 1 clean or sweep the floor *nyaata qopheessitee, mana hartee, isa eegde* She prepared food, cleaned the house and waited for him. 2 (usu applies to grains being roasted or to flour being warmed up over a pan) scoop, sweep, or remove sth from a pan or ground *buna beddee irraa hari*. Remove the coffee beans being roasted from the pan. 3 be tired *hojjachaa oolee hare* Because he was working all day, he is tired. **haraa** *n* sweepings; garbage *haraa manaa baasii gati* Throw out the garbage. **harachuu** *tv* 1 do sth all together or as a whole *haratanii dhufan* They all came together, i.e., no one was left behind. *harannee lafa isaa arraa kaane* All of us left his land and moved elsewhere. *haradhaa asi kottaa* All of you (over there), come here. 2 *tv* clean, sweep for self *mana koo haradheen dhufe* I cleaned my house for self and came. **haramaa** *adj* (usu of a room) cleaned or swept *manni haramaan namatti tola* A clean house makes one feel comfortable and pleasant. **haramuu** *tv* (passive) be cleaned or swept *manni haramee?* Is the house cleaned? **harsiisuu** *tv* 1 cause to/make sweep *ofii teessee ana mana na*

*harsiiftaa?* You sit there and make me sweep the floor! 2 tire sb out; exhaust sb *adeemsa fagootu na harsiise* The long journey made me tired or exhausted. **hartuu** *n* broom, usu made of twigs  
**hasaasoo** Same as *asaasa* (1) under *asaasuu*  
**hasaastuu** Same as *asaastuu* under *asaasuu*  
**hasaasuu** Same as *asaasuu*  
**hashara** Same as *ashara*  
**hashuffee** *n* grass, usu used in making baskets  
**hatamuu** See *hatuu*  
**hatattama** *n* urgent *walgayii hatattamaa* an urgent/extraordinary meeting  
**hatattamaan** *adv* urgently; immediately; without delay  
*gabaasicha hatattamaan qopheessi* Prepare the report immediately.  
**hatattamaan** See *hatattama*  
**hattuu** See *hatuu*  
**hatuu** *tv* filch, pick sb's pocket, pilfer, steal or thief *sangaa koo na duraa hatan* They stole my ox.  
**hachisiissu** *tv* cause to or make steal *eenyutu sangaa koo hachisiisee?* Who had my ox stolen? **hanna** *n* stealing; theft  
*hanni gadhee dha* Stealing is bad.  
**hatamuu** *tv* (passive) be stolen  
*sangaan isaa ni/in hatamee?* Has his ox been stolen? **hattuu** *n* thief  
*hattuu biyya keenyaa ni/in balleessina* We will wipe out thieves from our country.

**ha'uu** *tv* 1 throw at/to *eeboo itti ha'e* He threw a spear at/to him.  
 2 hurt *dhirsi gadheen haadha ijoollee isaa ha'a* A bad husband hurts his children's mother.  
**hawaa**<sup>1</sup> Same as *garraami*; *gowwaa*  
**hawaa**<sup>2</sup> *n* sky; space  
**hawaasaa** *n* society; community  
**hawaduu** *tv* show partiality by giving, etc., more to one *isaaf hawade* He favored him, not me.  
**hawwaa** Same as *awwaa*  
**hawwachuu** Same as *awwaachuu*  
**hawwii** Same as *awwii* under *awwachuu*  
**hawwisoo** Same as *awwisoo*  
**hawwu** Same as *awwu*  
**haxaarii** Same as *axaarii*  
**haxaaromuu** *iv* be cunning; be clever at cheating  
**haxaawuu** Same as *axaawuu*  
**haxanxarii** *n* a dry tree with branches, usu after being felled; brushwood  
**haxaxee** Same as *qaxqaxxee*  
**haxee** 1 Same as *axee* 2 Same as *bosona*  
**haxeeraruu** Same as *daguuguu* (1)  
**hax gochuu** *tv* cut with sharp object real fast  
**haxiixxaa** *n* a man-made scar on the noses of some Oromos  
**haxumaa** Same as *boojjitoo*  
**haxxaawuu** 1 Same as *abshaalomuu*; see also *axxaawuu* 2 (of certain trees and plants) develop thorns *muki kun haxxaawuu qabeera* This tree is beginning to have thorns.

**haxxee** *adj, n* clever; smart alecky;  
see also *axaarii*; guerilla war; see  
also *axxee* (1)

**haxxeessuu** *tv* cause a place to be  
covered with dense forest

**haxxiffachuu** Same as *axxiffachuu*

**haxxiffoo** Same as *axxiffoo*

**haxxishoo** Same as *axxissoo*

**haxxissoo** Same as *axxisso*

**haya** Same as *aya*

**hayaa** (expression used in  
response to a question or  
suggestion) all right; alright;  
okay, O.K., OK; yes

**hayama** Same as *fedha*

**hayamii** Same as *fedhii*

**hayamuu** Same as *fedhuu*

**hayetuu** *n* fresh milk, i.e., just  
milked and still warm

**haylii** *n* intelligence *nama dheeraa*,  
*tokko hayiliitu hanqata*, *tokko*  
*huccutu hanqata* (teasing) A tall  
man either lacks intelligence or  
faces the problem of finding the  
right size clothes.

**hayya** *n* opportunity *haatii fi*  
*abbaan manaa baanaan*, *hayya*  
*argattee sirba dhaqxe* She got the  
opportunity to go to a dance as  
soon as her parents left.

**hayyama** Same as *ayyama* under  
*ayyamuu*

**hayyamuu** Same as *ayyamuu*

**hayyee** (expression) yes; O.K.;  
OK; see also *eeyyee*

**hayyeetuu** Same as *hayetuu*

**hayyisuu** *tv* chase; guard or watch  
*hoolaa midhaan keessaa hayyisi*  
Chase the sheep from the crop.

**hayyuu** *adj* knowledgeable; elitist;  
intellectual or wise, usu of a man  
who is a good orator,  
administrator, and a good leader

**hedachuu** *iv* think independently  
for self **hedataa** *adj* (of male)  
independent (in thinking; not  
swayed by others) **hedattuu** *adj*  
(of female) 1 independent  
thinker 2 of a woman who  
strives and works hard for the  
good of her family

**hedataa** See *hedachuu*

**hedattuu** See *hedachuu*

**heddummachuu** Same as  
*baay'achuu*

**heddummeeffachuu** Same as  
*baay'ifachuu* under *baay'achuu*

**heddummeessuu** Same as  
*baayi'suu* under *baay'achuu*

**heddumina** Same as *baay'ina*  
under *baay'achuu*

**hedduu** Same as *baay'ee* under  
*baay'achuu*; see also *edduu*

**hededa** Same as *ededa*

**heduu** *iv* 1 consider, do sth for the  
sake of, or think of, i.e., take into  
account or consideration *bor hedi*  
Think of tomorrow. *maqaa abbaa*  
*kee hedi* Think of your father's  
reputation 2 Same as *barbaaduu*

**heebba** Same as *eebba* under  
*eebbisuu*

**heebbisuu** Same as *eebbisuu*

**heebboo** Same as *eeboo*

**heechoo** *adj, n* 1 Same as *ro'oo* 2  
large

**heedamuu** See *heeduu*

**heeduu** *iv* 1 be about; be  
estimated 2 Same as *yaaduu*

**heedamuu** *tv* be estimated  
*walgayii irratti kan argamani*  
*kumatti heedamu* There were  
 about a thousand people at the  
 meeting.  
**heefa** Same as *eefa*  
**heefoo** Same as *eefa*  
**heela** Same as *eela*  
**heelaa** Same as *eelaa* under *eeluu*  
**heeluu** Same as *eeluu*  
**heena** *n* blackhead  
**heennaa** *n* 1 jealousy; see also  
*inaaffaa* under *inaafuu* 2 Same as  
*eennaa*  
**heera** See *heeruu*  
**heerraga** See *heerraguu*  
**heerragachuu** See *heerraguu*  
**heerraguu** *tv* 1 estimate, gauge,  
 test sb's physical ability, or size  
 him/her up, usu before  
 engaging in a fight 2 think for  
 others 3 hope **heerraga** *n* hope,  
 test/exercise, thoughtfulness  
**heerragachuu** *tv* size up, think,  
 or hope for self  
**heeruma** Same as *eeruma* under  
*eerumuu*  
**heerumsa** Same as *eeruma* under  
*eerumuu*  
**heerumsiisuu** Same as *eerumsiisuu*  
 under *eerumuu*  
**heerumuu** Same as *eerumuu*  
**heeruu** *tv* make a constitution  
**heera** *n* constitution, i.e., laws  
 and principles  
**heesabuu** *tv* prescribe medicine  
**heetechuu** Same as *heetessuu*  
**heetefachuu** Same as *morkachuu*  
 (1)  
**heetessuu** Same as *morkachuu* (1)

**heetoo** Same as *morkii* (2)  
**heewasuu** *tv* interfere with sb's  
 business/work  
**heexoo** *n* 1 tape worm *heexoon*  
*akkamitti namatti dabarti? foon*  
*dheedhii irraa* How does a person  
 get tape worms? It is from raw  
 meat. 2 a tree whose fruit/leaves  
 are used as tape worm medicine  
 or as a purgative  
**heeyya'uu** *iv* be happy *badaan*  
*heeyya'e* I was very happy.  
**heeyy'ii** *n* happiness  
**heeyy'ii** See *heeyya'uu*  
**hegere** Same as *egeree*  
**hejjeta** Same as *ejjeta* under  
*ejjechuu*  
**hejjechuu** Same as *ejjechuu*  
**hejjechiisuu** Same as *ejjisiisuu*  
 under *ejjechuu*  
**hejjummaa** Same as *ejjummaa*  
 under *ejjechuu*  
**helellaa** Same as *elellaa*  
**helemaa** *n* evening, i.e., between  
 about 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. when  
 cows are usu milked in the  
 eveninings *helema keessa kottu*  
 Come in the evening.  
**helichoo** *n* the upper part of  
*utubaa* that sticks out of the roof  
**hellee** *n* girls' song accompanied  
 by drum beating and clapping  
**helmamtuu** See *elmamtuu* under  
*elmuu*  
**helmamuu** See *elmamuu* under  
*elmuu*  
**hephoo** Same as *nephoo*  
**hephoo qamalee** Same as *nephoo*  
*qamalee*  
**hera** Same as *aada*

**herrachuu** Same as *cabuu* (1)  
**herrega** Same as *heerraga* under *heerraguu*  
**herregachuu** Same as *heerragachuu*  
**herreguu** Same as *heerraguu*  
**hetechuu** Same as *heetechuu*  
**heteffachu** Same as *heeteffachuu*  
**hetessuu** Same as *heetessuu*  
**hetoo** Same as *heetoo*  
**hettoo** Same as *qettoo*  
**hey'ii** See *heeyya'uu*  
**heyeeeyee** *n* a disease that destroys teeth  
**hi** verb to be, probably "is"; see also *dha*  
**hibbaka** Same as *hiphi*. See *hibboo*  
**hibboo** *n* 1 a game of riddle *kottu hibboo taphannaa* Come, let us play riddles. 2 expression used by a person who introduces a riddle by saying *hibboo!*  
 As soon as the partner says *hiphi*, the game gets under way **hiphi** an expression that indicates one's willingness to accept the challenge to play riddles.  
**hibibii** Same as *utaalloo*  
**hiccinnaawuu** Same as *aaruu* (2); see also *dallanuu*  
**hiccinnii** *n* 1 Same as *incinnii* 2 cattle disease  
**hiciqii** Same as *didhaa*  
**hicoor** Same as *bitootessa*  
**hidda** *n* 1 root of plants *hidda mukaa* root of a tree 2 tendril, vine, or any climbing plant that is used as a rope 3 artery, blood vessel, or vein *yoo hiddi namaa cite dhiigii dafee hin dhaabbatu* If a

blood vessel is cut or severed, bleeding doesn't stop quickly.  
**hiddaa** Same as *iddaa* under *idduu*<sup>1</sup>  
**hidda dhamaa** *n* blood vessel on the left and right side of the neck  
**hidda dhiigaa** *n* blood vessel  
**hidda fiitii** *n* very weak *idda* (2) that breaks easily  
**hidda gafarsaa** *n* very strong *idda* (2) that doesn't break easily  
**hidda godhachuu** *iv* 1 (of plants) have or form roots 2 develop gradually 3 make friends  
**hidda gonnee** *n* Same as *dirmammuu* under *dirmammaawuu*  
**hidda goorisaa** *n* thorny climbing plant that can be used for fastening  
**hidda mogolee** *n* blood vessel on the lower thigh  
**hiddamuu** same as *iddamuu* under *idduu*  
**hidda reeffaa** *n* a kind or vine [*rhoicissus erythroides*]  
**hidda saaruu** Same as *sariitii*  
**hidda saree** *n* a kind of tree the leaves of which are thin  
**hiddii** *n* solanaceous fruit or plant  
**hiddii looloo** *n* a creeping solanaceous fruit or plant  
**hiddisiisuu** Same as *iddisiisuu*  
**hiddolee** *n* climbing solanaceous plant or fruit  
**hiddoo** Same as *hidda dhamaa*  
**hiddoomuu** Same as *hidda godhachuu*  
**hidduu** *tv* 1 Same as *idduu*<sup>1</sup> 2 (used of snakes, insects, etc.) bite



or sting *bofatu isa iddee* A snake bit him.

**hidhaa** See *hidhuu*

**hidhachuu** See *hidhuu*

**hidhamaa** See *hidhuu*

**hidhamuu** See *hidhuu*

**hidhannoo** See *hidhuu*

**hidhata** See *hidhuu*

**hidhataa** See *hidhuu*

**hidhata hiiksisuu** See *hidhuu*

**hidhata surree** See *hidhuu*

**hidhii n 1** lip, i.e., edges of animal or human mouths **2** lip, i.e., edge of hollow vessel *hidhii shiinii* the lip of a small coffee cup **3** edge of a bed, table, etc., *mucaan hidhii siree irra ciisa* The child is lying on the edge of the bed

**hidhuu tv 1** bind, fasten or tie with rope, strap, string, and the like *farda kee mukatti hidhi ol seeni* Tie your horse to a tree and come in. **2** imprison, incarcerate, or jail *obbleessa kee maaliif hidhani?* Why did they imprison your brother? **3** (fig) propose or state sth in such a way that no one can refute it *dubbii inni hidhe namni hin hiiku* no one can refute his statements. **hidhaa n 1** captivity/confinement; custody, detention, imprisonment, immurement, or incarceration *hidhaa wagaa kudhanii itti murteessani* They sentenced him to ten years' imprisonment. **2** lead, leash, or tether *sangaan hidhaa kutateera* The ox has broken loose, i.e., got free from its tether. **3** sheaf, i.e., stalks of

barley, wheat, etc. tied together in a bundle after reaping *garbuu hidhaa kudhan* ten sheaves of barley **hidhachuu tv 1** bind, fasten, or tie for self *qabattoo kee hidhadhu* Fasten your belt (for self). **2** fasten, put on, or wear belts, muslins, pants, shorts, etc., *surree moofaa hidhata* He wears old pants. **3** be armed with weapons such as guns and pistols *ilmi isaa hidhateera* His son is armed. **hidhamaa n** prisoner **hidhamuu tv** (passive) **1** be bound, fastened, or tied *sangaan hidhameeraa?* Is the ox tethered? **2** be imprisoned, incarcerated, or be jailed *obboleessi isaa eega hidhamee tureera* It has been a long time since his brother was imprisoned. **hidhannoo n** weapon **hidhata n** (applies to a yoke of oxen which is always a pair made to work together) team-mate, yoke fellow, or partner *sangaan koo hidhata dhabe* My ox has no "yoke fellow", so to speak **hidhataa adj** armed **hidhata hiiksisuu tv** disarm *hidhannoo isaa isa hiiksisaniiru* They have disarmed him. **hidhata surree n** waist (lit where the pants are tied) **hiisisuu tv** cause to be/have sb imprisoned *situ isa hiisisee?* Were you the one who had him imprisoned? **hiituu n** neologism) conjunction **mana hidhaa n** cooler, can, clink, jail, prison, quod, reformatory, stir, penitentiary **walitti**

**hidhachuu** *tv* (applies to a person who has either only one ox or whose ox is odd man out) pool, i.e., form into a team/yoke of oxen and take turns for plowing purposes *anii fi inni sangaa walitti hidhanneerra* He and I have pooled our oxen, as it were. **walitti hidhuu** *tv* lash things together *muka sadanuu walitti hidhi* Lash the three boards together.

**hiifachuu** Same as *ifachuu*

**hi'i** Same as *hi'iiyyoo*

**hiibboo** Same as *hibboo*

**hiikaa** See *hiikuu*

**hiikaa qotiiyyii** Same as *hiikaa qotiiyyoo* under *hiikuu*

**hiikaa qotiiyyoo** See *hiikuu*

**hiikamuu** See *hiikuu*

**hiikkachiisuu** See *hiikuu*

**hiikkachuu** See *hiikuu*

**hiikkannoo** See *hiikuu*

**hiiksisuu** See *hiikuu*

**hiikuu** *tv* **1** loosen, unbind, unfasten, or untie *guduunfaa kana hiiki* Untie this knot. **2** unharness a yoke of oxen *sangaa hiikeeraa?* Has he unharnessed the yoke of oxen? **3** interpret or translate *isa inni amma dubbate afaan Oromotti naa hiiki* Translate what he has just said into Afaan Oromoo for me. *abjuu koo naa hiiki* Interpret my dream. **4** release or set free, usu from prison *durumaa utuu ani humaa hin/him balleessin na hidhanii har'a na hiikan* After imprisoning me without any crime in the first place, they

released me today. **5** divorce *haadha manaa isaa hiikeera* He has divorced his wife. **hiikaa** *n* solution to a problem *dubbiin kun hiikaa hin qabu* This problem has no solution. **hiikaa qotiiyyoo** *n* time when working yoke of oxen are unharnessed. In Iluu Abbaa Booraa it is about 1 p.m. *utuu nyaati hin qophaayin hiikaan qotiiyyoo qaqqabe* Although it's almost 1 p.m., food is not ready yet! **hiikamuu** *tv* (passive) **1** be released from prison *kaleessa hiikaman* They were released from prison yesterday **2** be unfastened, unharnessed, untied, or be translated *sangaan hiikameera* The yoke (of oxen) is unharnessed. **hiikkachiisuu** *tv* cause to disarm *na hiikkachiisani* They made sb disarm me **hiikkachuu** *tv* **1** break or get loose from sth with which one has been chained, fastened, tied, etc.; loosen or set oneself free *sangaan hiikkateera* The ox has loosened itself **2** interpret, usu one's own dream *abjuu isaa ofumaan hiikkate* He interpreted his own dream himself. **3** (used of clothes) split open *kittaan isaa hiikkateera* His shirt has split at the seams. **hiikkannoo** *n* a kind of marriage in which a girl elopes with a man and becomes his wife; see also *awwii* under *awwachuu* **hiiksisuu** *tv* cause to untie or cause to divorce

**hi'inkoo** Same as *lakkii*

**hiiqa** *n* (usu negative) success or progress *hiiqa namaa hin jaal'atu* He does not like people's success, i.e., he is jealous

**hiiqa qabaachuu** *iv* 1 have/yield profit *bunni ani kaleessa gurgure hiiqa qaba* The coffee I sold yesterday yielded profit. 2 be better after being ill *har'a xinnoo hiiqa qaba* He is a little better today. See also *wayyaawuu*

**hiiquu** Same as *siquu*

**hiiroo** Same as *utubaa*

**hiisisuu** See *hidhuu*

**hiituu** See *hidhuu*

**hiixacha** Same as *hiixata* under *hiixachuu*

**hiixachiisuu** See *hiixachuu*

**hiixachuu** *iv* 1 stretch oneself or one's muscles, i.e., extend the body or part of the body to tighten the muscles, reach out for sth, or to see over the heads of people in a crowd, etc., *hiixadhuu naa kenni* Stretch out you arm and give it to me. *na arraa hiixatee sirba ilaala* He stretches his neck over my head and watches the dance. 2 give *namichi arjaa miti; humaa sii hin hiixatu* The man is not generous; he won't give you anything.

**hiixachiisuu** *tv* cause to/make one feel like stretching one's muscles *na hiixachiisa* I feel like stretching my muscles. **hiixata** *n* 1 stretching the muscles 2 giving **hiixuu** *n* stretch *amman buna dhugutti hiixuunii fi ammuummiin koo na hin gadhiisau* Until I drink

coffee, my stretch and yawn won't stop.

**hiixannaa** Same as *hiixata* under *hiixachuu*

**hiixata** See *hiixachuu*

**hiixuu**<sup>1</sup> *adv* far off, remote, or far *biyyaa hiixuu dhaa dhufa* He comes from a far off place.

**hiixuu**<sup>2</sup> See *hiixachuu*

**hi'iyyoo** (expression) no, i.e., the opposite of "yes" Speaker A: *abbaan kee mana jiraa?* Is your father (at) home? Speaker B: *hi'iyyoo* No [cf., *eeyyee*]

**hijibbaachuu** Same as *ijibbaachuu*

**hilleensa** Same as *illeentii*

**hilleentii** Same as *illeentii*

**hillima** Same as *kiyyoo*

**hillim jechuu** *iv* be extinguished/go out or disappear suddenly *ibsaan hillim jedhe* The light went out suddenly.

**hilluu** *adj* 1 clever *gurbaan kun abshaala hilluu tokko* This boy is very clever 2 (though nobody knows just exactly what it is, it is a famous character in children's stories) probaly fox/monkey, i.e., a smart character similar to the fox in Aesop's fables; example: *obbo guddoo, waraabuu, daljuu, hilluu ta'anii adamoo deemuu. korma, harree, fi indaaqqo ajjeesanii galu. "kana akkamitti hirmanna" jedhee leenci jara gaafannaani, waraabuun "kormi keeti, harreen kooti, indaaqqoo daljuunii fi hilluun ha hiratanu" jennaan leenci aarii dhaan*

waraabuu abootee imimmaan coccobiisa. "atiwo maal jetta"? jedhee hilluu gaafata. Hilluun akkasi jedhee deebisaaf: "indaaqqoo ciree godhu, harree laaqana godhu, korma ammoo irbaata godhu, nuyi lafeen si arraa haftu nu geessi" jedhee deebisaaf. "haasaa gaarii akkanaa eessaa barte?" jedhee leenci isa gaafannaan "imimmaan waraabuu argeen dubbiin naa gale" jedhaan. A lion, a hyena, a baboon, and hillu (a fox/ monkey) went hunting together and returned with three kills: a bull, a donkey, and a chicken. "How should we divide these?" asked the lion. "The bull is yours, the donkey is mine, and the chicken is for the hilluu (fox) and the baboon" answered the hyena. At this answer, the lion became angry and hit the hyena so hard that tears began to flow down the hyena's cheeks. "And what do you think, hilluu/ fox/ monkey?" asked the lion. The monkey /fox replied: "Eat the chicken for breakfast, the donkey for lunch, the bull for supper, and the bone or whatever remains is enough for us." Satisfied with the answer, the lion asked: "From where did you get this wisdom?" The fox/monkey replied: "From the tears that flowed down the hyena's cheeks."

**hiluu** Same as *iluu*

**him-** Same as *im-*

**hima** See *himuu*

**himaammata** Same as *imaammata*

**himacha** Same as *himata* under *himuu*

**himachuu** See *himuu*

**himalaa** *n* a kind of tree

**himannaa** Same as *himata* under *himuu*

**himannoo** See *himuu*

**himannoo garaa** See *himuu*

**himansa** See *himuu*

**himata** See *himuu*

**himataa** See *himuu*

**himatamaa** See *himuu*

**himatamuu** See *himuu*

**himii** See *himuu*

**himimii** Same as *gugee*

**himimmaan** Same as *imimmaan*

**himimmaan argachuu** Same as *imimmaan argachuu* under *imimmaan*

**himimmaan dhabuu** Same as *imimmaan dhabuu* under *imimmaan*

**himimmaan mukaa** Same as *imimmaan mukaa* under *imimmaan*

**himimsa** Same as *inimsa* under *imimsuu*

**himimsuu** Same as *imimsuu*

**himimuu** Same as *imimuu*

**himuu** *to* (usu takes *itti*) **1** brief sb, communicate sth to, convey sth to sb, impart to, instruct sb, narrate sth to sb, tell, or transmit sth to sb, usu applies to feelings, ideas, or information *waan jarri jedhan hundumaa natti himi* Tell me everything they said. **2** tell sb off *yoo inni lammata na arrabse*

*ittin hima* If he calls me nanes again, I will tell him off. **3** command/order or warn *muka kana hin yaabbatin; ani sitti himeera* Don't climb this tree; I warn you. *muka arraa kuftee arka ofi cabsite; ani duruu akka mukaa hin yaabbannee sitti himeera* So you fell from a tree and broke your arm! I had told (warned) you not to climb a tree. **hima** *n* **1.** brief or telling **2** (neologism) sentence, i.e., usu two or more words that are put together and make sense **himachuu** *tv* **1** tell, usu one's problem to sb *rakkoo kee hundumaa natti himadhu* *yoondanda'e sin gargaaraa* Tell me all your problems; if I can, I will help you. **2** tell one's grievance to sb; accuse sb for saying, doing sth that hurts; press or prefer charges against sb *dhirsi koo qarshii na dhoksa jettee natti himatte* She told me her grievance against her husband who, she said, hides money from her. **himannoo** *n* charge against/of; an accusation **himannoo garaa** *n* top secret that is told only to those who are highly trusted **himansa** *n* advice; report **himata** *n* court case; charge; grievance **himataa** *n* prosecutor or plaintiff **himatamaa** *n* defendant **himatamuu** *tv* (passive) be accused of; be charged with *hannaan himatame* He was charged with theft. **himii** *n*

hearsay; innuendos; see also *jette jettee*

**hin<sup>1</sup>** Same as *in*

**hin<sup>2</sup>** an expresseion that indicates negation; not *ani bor hin deemu* I am not going tomorrow. *jarri lamaanu irbaata hin nyaanne* Both of them have not eaten dinner.

**hinaafaa** Same as *inaafaa* under *inaafuu*

**hinaaffisuu** Same as *inaaffisuu* under *inaafuu*

**hinaaftuu** Same as *inaaftuu* under *inaafuu*

**hinaafuu** Same as *inaafuu*

**hincinnii** Same as *incinnii*

**hindhee** *n* a kind of tree

**hindhoo** Same as *lakkii/hi'ii/waawuu*

**hinjifachiisuu** Same as *injifachiisuu* under *injifachuu*

**hinjifachuu** Same as *injifachuu*

**hinjifannaa** Same as *injifannaa* under *injifachuu*

**hinjifannoo** Same as *injifannoo* under *injifachuu*

**hinjijjii** Same as *injijjii* under *injijjaawuu*

**hinkoo** Same as *gayaa* (2) under *gawuu*

**hinnaa** *n* henna; see also *ansosillaa*  
**hinnachuu** *iv* have a hunc; foresee

**hinqirfachuu** Same as *irqinfachuu*

**hinqirfoo** Same as *inqirfuu* under *irqinfachuu*

**hinqirfuu** Same as *irqinfuu* under *irqinfachuu*

**hinqooxoo** *n* plant of the rose family with edible fruit

**hintala** Same as *intala*

**hantaloo** Same as *intaloo*

**hiphi** See *hibboo*

**hiphifachuu** *iv* play the *hibboo* game

**hiphoo** Same as *hibboo*

**hiqama** *n* identity card

**hiq jechuu** Same as *irqinfachuu*

**hiquu** Same as *siquu*

**hir** Same as *hin* but this one *usu* precedes a word that begins in *r*  
*ani eda sa'aatii shan caalaa hir/hin rafne* I didn't sleep more than five hours last night. *Nama takkaa hir/hin rakkatiniif, rakkinni namaa hin galuuf* A person who has not experienced poverty, can't emphathize with those who are poor.

**hiraarsuu** *tv* frustrate; harass  
*namooti hidhaman hiraarfamaa jiru*

The people who are imprisoned are being frustrated and harassed **hiraarsa** *n* harassment

**hirachuu** Same as *ashirmachuu* under *hiruu*

**hir'achuu** *iv* 1 (applies to contents in a container) be/become not full, be incomplete *aannan burcuqqoo hin guunne; in hir'ate* The milk is not enough to fill the glass, i.e., the glass is not full to the brim now. 2 become /be short, i.e., not reach the required amount or weight *birri kudhantu hir'ate* The total required was short by ten birri. *kiiloo tokko hir'ate* It was short by one kilogram. 3 lack; want for nothing *maaltu itti hir'a-*

*te?* What does he lack, i.e., he has everything. *humtuu itti hin*

*hir'anne* He wants for nothing.

**hir'ina** *n* incompleteness, i.e., state of being not full *bunni iseen natti gurgurtee hir'ina duwwaa miti; gadhee dhasi* The coffee she sold me was not only short measure/weight, but also it was

poor quality. **hir'isuu** *tv* 1 not make full *burcuqqoo hir'ifte* She did not make the glass full, i.e., she filled it up to a point and not up to the brim. 2 make short, i.e., cause not to reach the required amount, weight, etc.; short measure/weight *birri kuma jaatama hir'iftee hidhamte* She was sentenced to imprisonment because she embezzled sixty thousand birri. *hir'isee natti gurgure* He sold me short weight /measure **hir'uu** *adj* not full; short weight/measure *gombisaan hir'uu dha* The granary is not full.

**hirbaata** Same as *irbaata*

**hirboo** Same as *irboo*

**hirbuu** Same as *irbuu*

**hirdii** Same as *irdii*

**hiree** *n* fate; luck *waan hiree koo hin dhabu* I will get whatever my fate decides.

**hiriira** See *hiriiruu*

**hiriira nagaa** See *hiriiruu*

**hiriiruu** *iv* file out, i.e., walk or stand one behind another *cal jedhanii hiriiran* They filed out silently. **hiriira** *n* rally; demonstration, march or parade, *usu* a public display of feeling

by gathering of many people  
*barattooti koolejii hiriira bayaanii*  
*lafti kan qotee bulaa ha ta'u jedhu*  
*turan* In their demonstrations,  
 college students used to shout  
 the slogan "Land to the tiller".  
**hiriira nagaa** *n* demonstration  
 for peace or peacefull  
 demonstration  
**hir'ina** See *hir'achuu*  
**hir'isuu** See *hir'achuu*  
**hiriya** Same as *iryaa*  
**hiriya** *baafachuu* Same as *iryaa*  
*baafachuu* under *iryaa*  
**hiriyooma** Same as *iryooma* under  
*iryaa*  
**hiriyyaa** Same as *iryaa*  
**hirkachuu** Same as *irkachuu*  
**hirkata** Same as *irkoo* under  
*irkisuu*  
**hirkifachuu** Same as *irkifachuu*  
 under *irkisuu*  
**hirkisuu** Same as *irkisuu*  
**hirkoo** Same as *irkoo* under *irkisuu*  
**hirma** Same as *sabbata* (but with  
 decorations)  
**hirmaata** See *hiruu*  
**hirmachuu** See *hiruu*  
**hirmii** *baafachuu* Same as *irmii*  
*baafachuu*  
**hiroo** 1 Same as *iryaa* 2 a wedding  
 song girls sing to say good bye  
 to a bride  
**hirpha**<sup>1</sup> See *hirphuu*  
**hirpha**<sup>2</sup> *n* heel or part of the leg  
 around the heel *hirphiin kee ha*  
*cabu* May your heel be broken.  
 See also *komee*  
**hirphachuu** See *hirphuu*

**hirphuu** *tv* aid, assist, help, or  
 support, usually financially at  
 times of emergency *na hirpheera*  
 He has helped me. **hirpha** *n*  
 financial aid, help, or assistance  
 during emergency **hirphachuu**  
*tv* request financial support/  
 assistance for self  
**hirqinfuu** Same as *irqinfuu* under  
*irqinfachuu*  
**hirqinsuu** Same as *irqinfuu* under  
*irqinfachuu*  
**hirree** Same as *irree*  
**hirreecha** Same as *irreessa* under  
*irreeffachuu*  
**hirreeffachuu** Same as *irreeffachuu*  
**hirriba** Same as *irriba*  
**hirsii** *n* 1 alms 2 Same as *irsii*  
**hirsiiisuu**<sup>1</sup> *tv* cause to give alms  
**hirsiiisuu**<sup>2</sup> See *hiruu*  
**hirsuu** *tv* give alms  
**hirtaa** See *hiruu*  
**hirtuu** See *hiruu*  
**hiruu** *tv* 1 distribute to/among;  
 share out among/between *birri*  
*dhibba kana jara kana shananiif hiri*  
 Share out this one hundred birri  
 among these five persons. *ijoollee*  
*dhaaf nyaata hiraa* Distribute the  
 food among the children. 2  
 divide into small parts *ba'aa kana*  
*qobaa hin dandeessu; hiri* You can't  
 carry this load alone; split it up  
 into smaller (bundles, pieces,  
 etc.). **hirmaata** *n* share, i.e.,  
 division, part, or portion which  
 sb receives *ani hirmaata koo*  
*fudheera* I have taken my share.  
**hirmachuu** *tv* divide, i.e., split or  
 break up between or among

*waan qabnu qixxeetti hirmanne* We divided our property equally among ourselves. **hirsiiisuu** *tv* cause/make sb share *waan na gawuu naa hirsiiisaati gargar nu baasa* Make him give me my share of property and process our divorce. **hirtaa** *n* joint business or partnership *lafa kana hirtaa dhaan qonna* We have entered into a partnership to farm this land. **hirtuu** *adj* (usu of a female) **1** generous and kind **2** of a female who apportions property or decides how much each person should get **wal hiruu** *iv* conclude, decide, resolve *wal hira* It will be resolved in the end

**hir'uu** See *hir'achuu*

**hiryaa** Same as *iryaa*

**hisataa** *adj* active *hisataan taa'uu hin jaal'atu* An active man does not like to sit and relax.

**hitittuu** Same as *itittuu*

**hitituu** Same as *itituu*

**hixiichoo** *n* kind of grass

**hixinxima** *n* joints, i.e., a part of the body where bones meet *gaafa qorri baayy'atu hiximximatu nama dhukkuba*

When it's too cold, the joints become painful.

**hiyyeecha** Same as *iyyeessa* under *iyyoomuu*

**hiyyeechuu** Same as *iyyeessuu* under *iyyoomuu*

**hiyyeessa** Same as *iyyeessa* under *iyyoomuu*

**hiyyeessuu** Same as *iyyeessuu*

**hiyyeettii** Same as *iyyeettii* under *iyyoomuu*

**hiyyoomsuu** Same as *iyyoomsuu* under *iyyoomuu*

**hiyyoomuu** Same as *iyyoomuu*

**hiyyuma** Same as *iyyuma* under *iyyoomuu*

**hiyyuu** Same as *iyyyuu*

**ho'aa** Same as *hoo'aa* under *hoo'uu*<sup>3</sup>

**hobaa** Same as *qorqoddaa*

**hobbaafachiisuu** Same as *obbaafachiisuu* under *obbaafachuu*

**hobbaafachuu** Same as *obbaafachuu*

**hobbaatii** Same as *ofkoltii* under *ofkoluu*

**hobboo** *int* Be careful! Be strong!, an expression used with toddlers or very young children when they fall down

**hobdii** Same as *oobdii*

**hobee** Same as *obee*

**hobo** Same as *oboo*

**hobobsuu** Same as *obobsuu*

**hoboloo** *n* **1** wood carriage drawn by yoke of oxen, used for carrying a harvest to the threshing floor **2** canoe; see also *jabala*

**hobomboleettii** Same as *obomboleettii*

**hobsuu** Same as *obsuu*

**hodaa** Same as *odaa*

**hodeessisuu** Same as *odeessisuu* under *odeessuu*

**hodeessuu** Same as *odeessuu*

**hodhaa** See *hodhuu*

**hodhachuu** See *hodhuu*

**hodhisiiifachuu** See *hodhuu*



**hodhisiisuu** See *hodhuu*

**hodhobuu iv talk nonsense**

**hodhodhee** Same as *albaadhessa*

**hodhuu tv 1** sew *kittaa kootti qulfii*

*naa hodhi* Sew a button on my shirt. **2** tailor, i.e., cut out and sew clothes *kittaa koo isatu naa hodhe* He was the one who tailored my shirt. **3** make

baskets, sieves, etc., by weaving *gundoo hodhiti* She is making a

flat basket **4** darn, mend, or

stitch *kittaan koo baqaqeraa naa*

*hodhi* My shirt is torn. Please

stitch it for me. **hodhaa n 1**

stitch, i.e., knot, link, or loop

*hodhaan kittaa kootii hiikkateera*

The stitch in my shirt is loose. **2**

tailoring *kittaan koo hodhaa isaatu*

*bade* The tailoring of my shirt

was botched up. **hodhachuu tv**

tailor; sew, or stitch sth for self

**hodhisiifachuu tv** have clothes

tailored/made for self *kittaa*

*kaakii haaraa hodhisiifate* He had a

new khaki shirt made for self

**hodhisiisuu tv** cause or make sb

mend or sew *kittaa isa inni*

*baqaqse kana isuman hodhisiisa* I

will make him sew this shirt

which he had torn.

**hodhuu tv** (used of breast and

finger) suckle or suck *mucaan*

*arma hodhutti jira* The baby is

suckling its mother's breast.

*intalli kun maaliif quba hooti* Why

does this little girl suck her

thumb? **hoosiftuu n** nursing

mother *hoosiftuun nyaata gaarii*

*nyaachuu isee barbaachisa* A

nursing mother has to eat

nutritious food. **hoosisuu tv**

suckle *mucaa hoosisi* Suckle the

baby. **hootu adj** of a baby that

has not been weaned yet; also

means very young *mucaa hootuu*

*manaa qabdi* She has a nurseling

at home, i.e., she has a baby who

is still breast fed.

**hoduu** Same as *oduu* under

*odeessuu*

**hofaa n** wooden spear without

metal point, i.e., a strong, long,

stick sharpened and hardened

usu on one end to serve as spear

**hoffaa** See *hoffachuu*

**hoffachuu tv 1** (usu applies to

stalk of plants) be hollow, i.e.,

have a space or cavity inside

*muka isa hoffate kana maalin itti*

*godha* What am I to do with this

wood that is hollow? **2** be a

coward **hoffaa n 1** dry stalk of

sorghum or corn **2** hollow stalk

of plants **3** (fig) flabby or

physically weak person; milksop

*hoffaan kun furdina malee humna*

*hin qabu* Although he is bulky,

he has no strength or muscle.

**hoffeessuu tv 1** cause to be

hollow **4** juicless, hollow

sorghum stalk or sorgho

**hoffeessuu tv** cause to be

coward

**hoffalchuu** Same as *ofkolchuu*

under *ofkoluu*

**hoffaluu** Same as *ofkoluu*

**hoffeechuu** Same as *hoffeessuu*

under *hoffachuu*

**hoffeessuu** See *hoffachuu*

**hofii** *n* sand; see also *cirracha*  
**hofkalchuu** Same as *ofkolchuu*  
under *ofkoluu*  
**hofkaltii** Same as *ofkoltii* under  
*ofkoluu*  
**hofkaluu** Same as *ofkoluu*  
**hofkolchuu** Same as *ofkolchuu*  
under *ofkoluu*  
**hofkoltii** Same as *ofkoltii* under  
*ofkoluu*  
**hofoltii** Same as *ofkoltii*  
**hofkoluu** Same as *ofkoluu*  
**hofolee** *adj* (of female) shameless  
**hofoluu** Same as *ofkoluu*  
**hofonfola** *adj* hollow, i.e., sth that  
has space or cavity inside  
*ujummoon hofonfola* A straw is  
hollow.  
**hofonfolee** *pl.* form of *hofonfola*  
**hofonfolummaa** *n* state of being  
hollow  
**hoftuu** Same as *oftuu* under *ofuu*  
**hofuu** Same as *ofuu*  
**hoggdii** Same as *oobdii*  
**hoggaa** Same as *awuu*  
**hoggaa godhachuu** *iv* be fat; see  
also *furdachuu*  
**hoggana** See *hogganuu*  
**hogganaa** See *hogganuu*  
**hogganuu** *tv* lead; be in charge of,  
i.e., give leadership **hoggana** *n*  
leadership **hogganaa** *n* leader  
**hogguu** *adv* 1 always 2 Same as  
*awuu*  
**hogolaa** See *hogoluu*  
**hogongolchsiisuu** Same as  
*ungulaalchisuu* under *ungulaaluu*  
**hogongoluu** Same as *ungulaaluu*  
**hogoluu** *iv* 1 talk nonsens in an  
uninteresting way 2 smell bad or

have bad odor **hogolaa** *adj* 1 of a  
person whose conversation is  
uninteresting 2 smelly; stinky  
**ho'ifachuu** See *hoo'uu*<sup>3</sup>  
**ho'ifamuu** Same as *hoo'ifamuu*  
under *hoo'uu*<sup>3</sup>  
**hojii** Same as *ojii* under *ojjechuu*  
**hojjaa**<sup>1</sup> 1 Same as *ojjaa* 2 Same as  
*ojii* under *ojjechuu*  
**hojjaa**<sup>2</sup> Same as *quxxii*  
**hojjachiifachuu** Same as  
*ojjechiifachuu* under *ojjechuu*  
**hojjachiisuu** Same as *ojjechiisuu*  
under *ojjechuu*  
**hojjachuu** Same as *ojjechuu*  
**hojja duree** *n* Monday; see also  
*wixata*  
**hojja lammaffoo** *n* Tuesday; see  
also *bal'oo* (2)/*kibxata*  
**hojjataa** Same as *ojjetaa* under  
*ojjechuu*  
**hojjattuu** Same as *ojjettuu* under  
*ojjechuu*  
**hojjechiifachuu** Same as  
*ojjechiifachuu* under *ojjechuu*  
**hojjechiisuu** Same as *ojjechiisuu*  
under *ojjechuu*  
**hojjechuu** Same as *ojjechuu*  
**hojjettuu** Same as *ojjettu* under  
*ojjechuu*  
**hokkachuu** Same as *okkachuu*  
**hokkannaa** Same as *okkannaa*  
under *okkachuu*  
**hokkeechuu** Same as *okkeessuu*  
under *okkachuu*  
**hokkeessuu** Same as *okkeessuu*  
under *okkachuu*  
**hokkola** Same as *okkola* under  
*okkoluu*

**hokkolchiisuu** Same as  
*okkolchiisuu* under *okkoluu*  
**hokkoltuu** Same as *okkoltuu*  
 under *okkoluu*  
**hokkoluu** Same as *okkoluu*  
**hokkoo** Same as *okkoo* under  
*okkachuu*  
**hokkotee** Same as *okkotee*  
**hokolee** Same as *okolee*  
**hokoloo** Same as *kolloo* (3),  
*loloosoo*, or *hudhaa* (3) under  
*hudhuu*  
**holaa bishaanii** *n* a water animal  
 the sound of which is similar to  
 that of a sheep  
**hola'ee** *n* faint or loss of  
 consciousness that usu occurs  
 when the stomach is empty/  
 when one is hungry *hola'eetu isa*  
*qabe* He went off in a faint  
 (because of hunger)  
**holii gadi** Same as *olii gadi*  
**hollachiisuu** same as *hoollachiisuu*  
 under *hoollachuu*  
**hollachuu** Same as *hoollachuu*  
**hollolaawuu** *iv* be skinny / thin  
**holootoo** Same as *hiddii looloo*  
**holotaa** *n* 1 blaze or flame 2  
 exciting news  
**holqa** See *holqaawuu*  
**holqaawuu** *iv* (usu used of a tree)  
 be hollowed out or have a hole  
 inside *mukti kun ni/in holqaaye*  
 This tree is hollowed out. **holqa**  
*n* 1 hollow, usu hollow in a tree  
 from which honey is secured  
*damma holqaa* honey from the  
 hollow of a tree 2 cave, cavern,  
 or den *ilmaan leencaa holqatti galti*

Lion cubs live in a hollow of a  
 tree.

**holqee** Same as *golboo* (2) under  
*golbeessuu*

**homaa** Same as *humaa*

**homtuu** Same as *umtuu*

**hona** Same as *ona* under *onuu*

**honge** See *hongeessuu*

**hongeessuu** *tv* cause to be  
 dry / droughty **honge** *n* drought  
 or dry season/  
 weather *afaanii fi mataan lama*;  
*yoo roobe dhoqqee jedha, yoo caame*  
*honge jedha* (saying) People  
 always complain; when it rains,  
 they complain about mud and  
 when it doesn't, they complain  
 about drought.

**hongii** Same as *humna*<sup>1</sup>

**hongisuu** Same as *bookkisuu*

**hongocuu** Same as *sessequu*

**honnee** Same as *onnee*

**honuu** Same as *onuu*

**hoo** Same as *oo* (1)

**hoo'aa**<sup>1</sup> See *hoo'uu*<sup>3</sup>

**hoo'aa**<sup>2</sup> (vocative) [an expression  
 used while handing or passing  
 sth to a second person,  
 pl/honorific] here it is, take it, it  
 is for you *hoo'aa, nyaadhaa* Here it  
 is, take it and eat it.

**hoo'aa**<sup>3</sup> *int* (vocative) [an  
 expression used with a second  
 person, pl/honorific, who talks  
 too loud or who shouts] may  
 you be deaf *ijoollee, maa natti*  
*iiyyitu?* *hoo'aa!* You children, why  
 do you make such a deafening  
 noise? May you be deaf.

**hoobdii** Same as *oobdii*

**hooda**<sup>1</sup> *n* 1 truth; custom, i.e., sth regarded by culture as the right thing to do *hooda dubbate* He spoke the truth. *jaarsaa fi jaartii kabajuun waan hoodaati* Respecting senior citizens is our custom. 2 impossibility, i.e., what can never be; what is unimaginable *kun hoodaa dha jette cirriin sa'a irraa kuftee* "This is unimaginable/impossible" said an ox pecker after falling down from the back of a cow.

**hooda**<sup>2</sup> Same as *ooddaa* under *ooduu*

**hoodaa** *adj* (usu takes *amma*) small quantity *sogidda amma hoodaa naa kennite* She gave me a very small quantity of salt.

**hoodachuu** *iv* taboo, i.e., avoid to do certain things for fear of punishment from the gods

**hoodhaa** Same as *hoo'aa*<sup>2</sup>

**hoodhu** (vocative) [an expression used while handing or passing sth to a second person, singular] here it is, take it, it is for you

**hooduu** 1 Same as *ooduu* 2 foresee; prophesix

**hoofaa**<sup>1</sup> Same as *hofaa*

**hoofaa**<sup>2</sup> Same as *oofaa*

**hoofichoo** *n* bark or rind of a false banana used as rope

**hoofii** *n* limestone

**hoofuu** Same as *ofuu*

**hoogana** Same as *oogana* under *ooganaawuu*

**hooganaawuu** Same as *ooganaawuu*

**hooganeechuu** Same as *ooganeessuu* under *ooganaawuu*

**hooganeessuu** Same as *ooganeessuu* under *ooganaawuu*

**hoogga** Same as *humna*<sup>1</sup> (2)

**hoogana** Same as *hoggana* under *hogganuu*

**hooguu** Same as *ooguu*

**hoo'i** *int* (vocative) [an expression used with a 2<sup>nd</sup> person, singular, who shouts, talks too loud, or yells] may you be deaf or dumb *hoo'i natti hin iyyin* Don't yell at me. May you be deaf and dumb!

**hoo'ifachuu** See *hoo'uu*<sup>3</sup>

**hoo'ifamuu** See *hoo'uu*<sup>3</sup>

**hoo'isuu** See *hoo'uu*<sup>3</sup>

**hookaa** *n* 1 green grass cut and fed to animals, usu to calves, horses, or mules 2 (grain, usu corn/maize) not fully developed; unripe *boqqolloon kun hookaa dha; hin cabsin* This corn is not ripe yet; don't cut it, i.e., the corn plant

**hookaan** Same as *ookaan*

**hookanimmoo** Same as *ookaanimmoo* under *ookaan*

**hookiin** Same as *ookiin/ookaan*

**hookkoo** Same as *okkoo* under *okkachuu*

**hooksisuu** Same as *hooqsisuu* under *hooquu*

**hooksuu** Same as *hooqsuu* under *hooquu*

**hoolaa** Same as *oolaa*

**hoola-gabbis** *n* weed, i.e., a wild plant that grows in fields of crops

**hoolallaa** *n* breast meat

**hoolee** Same as *oolaa*

**hoollachiisuu** See *hoollachuu*

**hoollachuu** *iv* shiver with cold, fear, or fever *sangaan koo maaliif hoollata?* Why is my ox shivering? **hoollachiisuu** *tv* cause to shiver *maaltu sangaa hoollachiisa?* What is it that is making the ox shiver?

**hoolmaa** Same as *oolmaa* under *ooluu*<sup>1</sup>

**hoomaa** *adj* 1 countless, many, or multitude *nama hoomaa* countless number of people 2 army, i.e., military *hoomaa waraanaa* army

**hoomacha** See *hoomachaawuu*

**hoomachaawuu** *iv* lather, i.e., form foam or froth *saamunaan bishaan danfa keessatti baay'ee hoomachayaa* Soap lathers well in hot water. **hoomacha** *n* foam, froth, or lather *bofni isa iddinaan hoomachi afaaniin baye* After a snake bit him, he started to foam at the mouth. **hoomacheessuu** *tv* produce foam, froth, or lather by mixing liquid with soap, foam producing leaves, etc.

**hoomacheessuu** See *hoomachaawuu*

**hoomecha** Same as *hoomacha* under *hoomachaawuu*

**hoomii** *n* a kind of tree [*pygeum africanum/prunus*]

**hoomisha** See *hoomishachuu*

**hoomishachuu** *tv* produce commodity for self **hoomisha** *n* commodity, goods, product, or production, i.e., something

produced; see also *callaa* (3) under *calleessuu*

**hoongee** Same as *hongee*

**hoophxii** Same as *oobxii*

**hooqqaa** See *hooquu*

**hooqqachuu** See *hooquu*

**hooqqisiisuu** See *hooqqisuu*

**hooqqisuu** *iv* retch or vomit

*hooqqisaa bulte* She was vomiting all night. **haqqee** *n* vomit/vomiting/sickness *haqqee dhufta ilkaan soddomni hin deebisu* (saying) Vomit that is on its way up from the stomach cannot be stopped by thirty teeth [some events are beyond one's control] **hooqisiisuu** *tv* cause to retch or vomit *ulfatu isee hooqisiisa* It is pregnancy that makes her vomit.

**hooqsisaa** See *hooquu*

**hooqsisuu** See *hooquu*

**hooqsuu** See *hooquu*

**hoo quba** an expression of thanks to God (said with open palms facing up) *hoo quba yaa rabbi ilmi koo naa fayyeera* Thank you, God, my son has recovered (from his illness).

**hooquu** *tv* scratch the skin to relieve itching *ofi hin hooqin* Stop scratching yourself. **hooqqaa** *n* scratching *hooqqaa dhaan fuula of madeesse* He made his face sore by scratching it. **hooqqachuu** *tv* scratch oneself *duddaa isaa hooqqata* He is scratching his back for self. **hooqsisaa** *n* itching *hooqsisaa qaba* He has itching problem **hooqsisuu** *iv* itch *duddaa koo na hooqsisaa* My back

itches. *barruu na hooqsis*  
(superstition) *tarii qarshiin*  
*argadh* My palm itches,  
perhaps I'm going to get money.  
**hooqsuu** *tv* (usu applies to the  
stroking of a cow while milking  
her) stroke *sa'a kana amman*  
*elmutti naa hooqsi* Stroke this cow  
for me while I am milking her.

**hooqxoo** Same as *cittoo*

**hoorii** *n* 1 plaque or tartar, i.e.,  
chalk-like substance deposited  
on the teeth 2 blight, mildew, or  
rust, i.e., plant disease that ruins  
palm leaves, sweet potatoes, etc.

**hoorma** See *hooruu*

**hooruu** *iv* worry, i.e., think about  
terrible things that might  
happen **hoorma** *n* worry *ijoollee*  
*koo akkamittan guddisa jettee*  
*hoormaa baayy'ifti* Her major  
worry is how to bring up her  
children.

**hooshi** (vocative) an expression  
used with horses or mules, usu  
to pacify them

**hoosiftuu** See *hodhuu*

**hoosistuu** Same as *hoosiftuu* under  
*hodhuu*

**hoosisuu** See *hodhuu*

**hoossuu** Same as *hooqsuu*

**hoota** *n* (usu of animals) amniotic  
fluid or bag of waters; see also  
*bishaan fuulaa* under *bishaan*

**hootuu** See *hodhuu*

**hoo'uu**<sup>1</sup> Same as *hoodhu*

**hoo'uu**<sup>2</sup> Same as *oo'uu*

**hoo'uu**<sup>3</sup> *iv* 1 be/become warm or  
heated up *bishaan hoo'eeraa miilla*  
*dhiqadh* The water has become

warm; wash your feet. 2 (used of  
a dance, game, market, party,  
etc.,) be enlivened or vivified;  
warm up *sirbi dafee hoo'e* The  
dance warmed up soon/fast.  
**hoo'aa** *adj* warm *bishaan hoo'aa*  
warm water **hoo'ifachuu** *iv* 1  
warm onself by the fire or in the  
sun *aduu hoo'ifatti* She is  
warming herself in the sun.  
*abidda hoo'ifatu* They are  
warming themselves by the fire.  
2 warm sth up for self *marqaa*  
*hoo'ifadhu nyaadhu* Warm up the  
porridge and eat it. 3 enliven,  
vivify, or warm up for self *sirba*  
*hoo'ifadh* Enliven the dance for  
yourselves. 4 care for, i.e., like  
*dhugaatii malee nyaata hin*  
*hoo'ifatu* He likes drinking; he  
does not care much for food. 5  
wait until late in the morning  
(when it gets warmer) and do  
sth or go somewhere *hoo'ifatee*  
*manaa baye* He left home late in  
the morning. 6 make one's  
illness seem serious by  
exaggerating it or by overacting  
*dhukkuba xinnoo hoo'ifatti*  
Although her illness is not  
serious, she acts as if she were  
very sick/ill. **hoo'ifamuu** *tv*  
(passive) be heated or warmed  
*bishaan hoo'ifamee?* Is the water  
warmed? **hoo'isuu** *tv* 1 heat up;  
warm sth up *bishaan hoo'isi* Heat  
up the water. 2 enliven, vivify,  
or warm up *sirba hoo'isaa* Enliven  
the dance. 3 exaggerate, i.e., add  
fuel to the fire or fan the flame

*dubbii hin hoo'isin* Don't exaggerate things

**hophi** an expression used when mounting on a horse back, when lifting up sth, etc.

**hophoo** *n* bark of a tree

**hora** *n* mineral water, usu drunk by cattle *yoo ta'e laga horaatti*; *yoo dide ganda faaqiitti wal agarra jette saani* "If everything goes well we will meet at the river where we drink mineral water; if not, we will meet at the tannery", said a cow to another cow.

**horachuu** See *horuu*

**horata**<sup>1</sup> See *horuu*

**horata**<sup>2</sup> *n* name of one of the five parties in Gadaa democratic system of government: *Birmajii*, *Duuloo*, *Horata*, *Michillee*, and *Robalee*

**horbobbaawuu** Same as *dirmammaawuu*

**horbobbeessuu** Same as *dirmammeessuu* under *dirmammaawuu*

**horbobbuu** Same as *dirmammuu* under *dirmammaawuu*

**horco'ii** Same as *orco'ii*

**hordaa** See *horduu*

**hordofamuu** Same as *ordafamuu* under *ordofuu*

**hordofsiisuu** Same as *ordofsiisuu* under *ordofuu*

**hordofuu** Same as *ordofuu*

**horduu** *tv* dig a hole in the ground (for pillars, tubers, young plants/seedlings, etc.) with long, heavy implement with a pointed end the function

of which is similar to that of a dibble/ dibber *iddoo kana hordii buna biqiltuu dhaabi* Dig holes around here and plant coffee seedlings. **hordaa** *n* 1 long, heavy dibble-like instrument for digging a hole in the ground 2 the handle (consisting of the share or colter) attached to the beam of plow which a farmer holds when plowing with a yoke of oxen

**horee** *adj* related by blood

**horfaa** Same as *orfaa* under *orfuu*

**horfuu** Same as *orfuu*

**horgoggee** *n* all kinds and colors of toys children play with

**horii** See *horuu*

**horii dhiisii** Same as *marsaa* (1) under *maruu*

**horma** Same as *orma*

**hormaata** See *horuu*

**horooboo** Same as *ro'oo*

**horocoo** Same as *orocoo*

**horofa** Same as *dhoqqee*

**horofee** Same as *dhoqqee*

**horomee** Same as *oromee*

**horonguddaa** Same as *lootuu*

**horoo** Same as *horii* under *horuu*

**horooma** See *horoomuu*

**horoomuu** *iv* (of animals) survive and be a useful asset, usu after a serious illness *sa'i kun hedduu huqqatte*; *si'achi horoomuu hin dandeessu* This cow has become skinny; she won't be of any use.

**horooma** *n* usefulness *sa'i kun horooma keessaa baateetti* This cow has outlived her usefulness.

**hororachuu** See *ororachuu* under *ororuu*  
**hororamuu** See *ororamuu* under *ororuu*  
**horordoma** *n* sabotage  
**hororessa** Same as *haroressa*  
**hororuu** Same as *garafuu*<sup>1</sup>  
**horroga** *adj* young calf, i.e., a calf that has been weaned though it is not old enough to be considered a heifer *jabbii horroga qabdi* She has a weaned, young calf.  
**horroqoo** Same as *uukko*  
**horsiifachuu** See *horuu*  
**horsiisuu** See *horuu*  
**horsossaawuu** Same as *bossaawuu*  
**horsossee** Same as *bossoo*  
**horsosseessuu** *tv* cause to be rotten  
**hortuu** See *horuu*  
**horuu** *iv* (usu used of livestock or chicken) breed, i.e., produce offspring *sanyiin indaaqqoo kana hin hortu* This kind/variety of hen does not breed well.  
**horachuu** *tv* acquire or obtain wealth, usu livestock *horii*  
*horateera* He has acquired wealth. **horata** *n* agricultural product; wealth; money **horii** *n* 1 money; property, or wealth *ani iyyeessa; horii hin qabu* I am poor; I have no money. 2 livestock *horii ol galchaa* Bring in the livestock. **hormaata** *n* 1 (used in blessing or in cursing) wealth *horrii fi hormaata argadhu* May you be blessed with wealth. 2 the reproductive organs of

animals **horsiisuu** *tv* breed, i.e., keep livestock or chickens for the purpose of reproducing/producing young *reettii horsiifti* She breeds goats. **hortuu** *n* hens, female animals, or humans that breed well  
**horxoxxaawuu** Same as *borxoxxaawuu*  
**hosolee** Same as *osolee*  
**hosoo** 1 Same as *utuu* 2 Same as *bayeessa*  
**hossee** *adj* (usu of coffee beans; grains) shriveled, wilted, or withered *buna hossee* a wilted coffee bean  
**hoxxee** *n* small narrow house; see also *godoo*  
**hoxxeessa** *n* the wee hours, i.e., between midnight and about 2 a.m.  
**hoxxoo** Same as *citto* under *cittaawuu*; see also *hooqxoo*  
**hoyixoo** Same as *hoxxoo*  
**hoyixuu** *n* 1 any object with which sb scratches sth 2 Same as *hooqxoo*  
**huba** See *hubuu*  
**hubaatii** Same as *huba* under *hubuu*  
**hubacha** Same as *hubata* under *hubachuu*  
**hubachiisa** See *hubachuu*  
**hubachiisuu** See *hubachuu*  
**hubachuu** *iv, tv* 1 check/find out *mana jiraachuu fi dhiisuu isaa hubattee natii ha himtu* Let her check if he is at home or not and tell me. *waan inni jedhuu hubadhu natti himi* Find out what he says



and tell me. **2** observe carefully;  
note well; pay close attention  
*hubadhuu ilaali* Observe carefully.

**3** (used of eyesight) see *iji koo*  
*baay'ee hin hubatu* I cannot see  
well/My eyesight is poor.

**hubachiisa** *n* (usu written or  
printed) notice or announcement

**hubachiisuu** *tv* announce, ;  
notify; let sb know/realize *akka*  
*bori yaa'iin jiru isa hubachiisi* Let  
him know that there will be a  
meeting tomorrow. **hubata** *n*  
careful observation; knowledge  
of what is going on

**hubatamaa** *adj* well known to  
one because properly observed  
*dubbiin kun hubatamaa ijaa ta'eefi*  
*waan nama shakkisiisu miti*. Since  
this (information) is a well  
known fact, there shouldn't be  
any doubt about it. **hubatamuu**  
*tv* (passive) be well observed,  
known, or scrutinized *waanti itti*  
*darbatamu osoo hin hubatamin*  
*eeboo hin darbatanuu*. A spear is  
not thrown before the target is  
examined properly. **hubattuu** *n*  
eye; eyesight *hubattuun kee ha*  
*jaamu* May you be blind!

**hubamaa** See *hubuu*

**hubamsa** Same as *huba* under  
*hubuu*

**hubamtuu** See *hubuu*

**hubamuu** See *hubuu*

**hubannaa** Same as *hubata* under  
*hubachuu*

**hubannoo** Same as *hubata* under  
*hubachuu*

**hubata** See *hubachuu*

**hubatamaa** See *hubachuu*

**hubatamuu** See *hubachuu*

**hubattuu** See *hubachuu*

**hubii** Same as *huba* and *hubata*  
under *hubuu/hubachuu*

**huboo** Same as *huba* under *hubuu*

**hubsiiisuu** See *hubuu*

**hububbee** Same as *obombolleettii*

**hubuu** *tv* harm, do harm, hurt, or  
impair *dhugaatiitu isa hube* Too  
much drinking has impaired his  
health. **huba** *n* abuse, evil, harm,  
hurt, ill-treatment, oppression,  
or persecution *hubi ilmaan nama*  
*irra gawuu na gaddisiisa* Any  
injustice done to human beings  
makes me sad. **hubamaa** *adj* (of  
male humans or animals)  
harmed/impaired *sangaa/gurbaa*  
*hubamaa* an impaired ox/boy  
**hubamtuu** *adj* (of persons)  
impaired *intala hubamtuu* an  
impaired/harmed girl **hubamuu**  
*tv* (passive) be  
harmed/impaired *sangaan kun*  
*nyaata gaarii dhabee hubame* This  
ox's health is impaired for lack  
of proper food. **hubsiiisuu** *tv*  
cause to hurt or harm

**huccuu** Same as *wayyaa/uffata*

**hudaada** Same as *gudaada*

**hudaan** Same as *udaan* under  
*udaanuu*

**hudaansisuu** Same as *udaansisuu*  
under *udaanuu*

**hudaantuu** Same as *udaantuu*  
under *udaanuu*

**hudaanuu** Same as *udaanuu*

**huddeellachuu** Same as  
*uddeellachuu* under *uddeelu*

**huddeellattuu** Same as *uddeellattuu* under *uddeelluu*  
**huddeelluu** Same as *uddeelluu*  
**huddufoor** *n* piles or hemorrhoids  
**huddumuruu** *tv* (applies to business transactions) cheat, i.e., by over pricing or by offering less than the value of a commodity (lit it means to cut the ass off)  
**hudduu** Same as *udduu*  
**hudhaa** See *hudhuu*  
**hudhamuu** See *hudhuu*  
**hudhoo** *n* the U-shaped pieces (on both ends of a yoke) that encircle the neck of a yoke of oxen  
**hudhuu** *iv, tv* 1 choke, i.e., be unable to breathe because of sth in the windpipe, or due to emotion *foontuu isa hudhe* He choked on meat. 2 strangle, i.e., hinder the breathing of *mormi kittaa kootii dhiphatee na hudhe* The collar of my shirt became too tight and strangled me. *morma isaa hudhanii isa ajjeessani* They strangled his neck and killed him. 3 (used of ear of corn) bulge, grow to flower, or swell and begin to lose its silk *boqqolloon hudheera* The ears of corn have grown to flower.  
**hudhaa** *n* 1 strangulation *hudhaa dhaan isa ajjeese* He killed him by strangulation. 2 swelling of the ears of corn 3 Same as *loloosoo*  
**huudha loonii** *n* name of a medicinal plant **hudhamuu** *tv* (passive) be choked or strangled *fooniin hudhamee du'e* He

swallowed meat and was choked to death.  
**hududda** *n* joint or limb, e.g. elbow joint, knee joint, etc.  
**hududdee** Same as *ududdee*  
**hududduu** Same as *hududda*  
**huddummachuu** Same as *udummachuu* under *udumuu*  
**huddummii** Same as *udummii* under *udumuu*  
**hudumuu** Same as *udumuu*  
**huduudaa** Same as *ududdee*  
**huffaa** *n* abdomen, belly, or paunch, *usu* refers to the lower part of the abdomen located between the navel and the groin  
**huffee** Same as *uffee*  
**huffisoo** Same as *danfisaa* under *danfuu*  
**huffisuu** Same as *danfisuu* (3) under *danfuu*  
**huggum** Same as *uggum*  
**huggumsiisuu** Same *uggumsiisuu* under *uggumuu*  
**huggumuu** Same as *uggumuu*  
**hujii** Same as *ojii* under *hojjechuu*  
**hujuba** Same *ujuba*  
**hujukuu** Same as *ujukuu*  
**hujummoo** Same as *ujjummoo*  
**hukaa** Same as *ukaa* under *ukuu*  
**huka huka jechuu** Same as *uka uka jechuu* under *ukuu*  
**hukkaamsuu** Same as *ukkaamsuu*  
**hukuu** Same as *ukuu*  
**hulaa** *n* 1 entrance or door between a kitchen and a living room *dubartiin hulaa darbinaan dhirsi isee ittin hin/him bu'uu* Once a woman crosses the door of the kitchen (and enters her

kitchen), her husband won't hit her. 2 border, boundary, or check point *hattuun sangaa hatteettii hulaa hulaatti eegaa* A thief has stolen an ox, so guard every check point. 3 footpath

**hulachiisuu** Same as *ulachiisuu* under *uluu*

**hulachuu** Same as *ulachuu* under *uluu*

**hulamaa** Same as *ulamaa* under *uluu*

**hulamuu** Same as *ulamuu* under *uluu*

**hulbata** Same as *sunqoo*

**hulee** Same as *ulee*

**hullufa** *n* swelling (on the skin)

**hulluuqsuu** See *hulluuquu*

**hulluuquu** *iv* 1 slip through a narrow opening or bend and pass under *qaayaa dallaa kana keessa hulluuqan* They slipped through the opening in this fence. 2 vanish or disappear, i.e., go out of sight suddenly and fast *hulluuqeera; hin qaqqabdu* He has disappeared; you can't catch up with him. **hulluuqsuu** *tv* cause to slip through or under *balbala jalaan hulluuqsii naa keenni* Give it to me by slipping it under the door.

**hulmaa** See *ulmaa*

**hulmaa bawuu** Same as *ulmaa bawuu* under *ulmaa*

**hulmaa ciisuu** Same as *ulmaa ciisuu* under *ulmaa*

**hulmaayyaa** Same as *ulmaayyaa*

**huloo** Same as *raafuu*

**hulqa** name of the 5<sup>th</sup> day of a month; see also *walla*

**hulullee** Same as *ulullee*

**huluu** Same as *uluu*

**hum** an expression used after seeing or hearing sth that is amazing

**humaa** *n* nothing *humaa arkaa hin qabdu* She has nothing in her hand. *humaa miti* It's nothing; never mind *humaa hin jedhu fidi* Bring it, that will do.

**humbaacoo** Same as *humbaawoo*

**humbaawoo** *n* 1 a climbing plant the leaves of which are soaked in water and used for massaging a woman in confinement (after giving birth) 2 (superstition) a wreath-like climbing plant put on the necks of young calves to protect them from an evil eye

**humburruu** (vulgar) Same as *buqushaa*

**humma** *n* dense forest

**hummachuu** *tv* fill the mouth with too much food *hin hummatin xinnoo xinnoo afaan keeyadhu nyaadhu* Don't stuff your mouth with food.

**humna**<sup>1</sup> *n* 1 power; strength; vigor *humnan ba'aa kanaan baadhu hin qabu* I don't have the strength to carry this load. *funyoon kun humna hin qabu; ni/in cita* This rope is not strong; it will break. 2 coercion or force *humnaan fudhanne* We took it by force. 3 (takes *amma*) to the best of one's ability or as much as one can *amma humna kootiitti sin gargaara*

I will help you as much as I can. 4 means, resources, or wealth; authority *atuun humna qabaadhee sangaan bitadha* If I had the means I would buy an ox. **humna nama baasuu** *tv* demoralize; discourage *humna nu baasuu barbaadu* They want to demoralize us. **humna**<sup>2</sup> *n* the part, piece, or portion between the rings on a stem of bamboo, reed, sugar-cane, and the like *shonkor agadaa humna tokko naa kenni* Give me a piece of sugar-cane. **humtuu** Same as *umtuu* **hunachuu** Same as *unachuu* **hunda** *pron* (used as an object in a sentence) all *ani kana hunda hin/him barbaadu* I don't want all this. *hunda keessanuu hin sodaadhu* I am not afraid of all of you. **hundi** *pron* (usu used as a subject in a sentence) all of *hundi keessanuu naa bayaa* All of you come out and fight with me. I challenge you. *hundi isaaniyyu xeellaa dha* All of them are cowards. **hundinu** (emphatic) *pron* all of *isin hundinu dhufuu ni/in dandeessu* All of you can come. *nu hundinu dhufnuu?* Can all of us come? See also *hundi* above **hundaawuu** *tv* be based on *waanti nuyi jennu/dubbannu yoo dhugaa irratti hundaaye malee hin amanamu* Unless what we say is based on facts, it won't be accepted/trusted. **hundee** *n* 1

root *hundee dhaan buqqisi* Pull it (a plant) up by the roots. 2 base/foundations *manni hundee cimaa hin qabne dafee jiga* A house with weak foundations collapses fast. 3 (fig) roots in society *inni hundee hin qabu; isa hin amanin* He has no roots in society; do not trust him. **hundeeffamuu** *iv* be well established *qubeen Afaan Oromo sirriitti hundeeffameera* The Oromo alphabet is now well established. **hundee lafaa** *n* horizon

**hundee** See *hundaawuu*

**hundeeffamuu** See *hundaawuu*

**hundinuu** See *hunda*

**hundumaa** Same as *hunda*

**hundumtuu** Same as *hundinu* under *hunda*

**hunduu** Same as *hundiunu* under *hunda*

**hunkuruuruu** Same as *qabachuu* (1,2,3) under *qabuu*

**hunkutaawuu** *tv* (passive) be shattered, smashed, or be broken into fragments *uuroon koo ni/in hunkutaaye* My jar is broken into pieces. **hunkuteessuu** *tv* break sth into pieces or fragments; shatter or smash *aarii dhaan uuroo hunkuteessite* She smashed the jar in a moment of anger.

**hunkuteessuu** See *hunkutaawuu*

**hunoo** Same as *kunoo*

**hunqaa** Same as *akaayii* under *akaawuu*

**hununsuu** *iv* grumble, murmur, or whine *ani waan ta'ee hin/him beeku; hununsaa bule* I don't know

what was wrong with him; he was grumbling all night.  
**huqqaa** Same as *huuqqataa* under *huuqqachuu*  
**huraa** See *huruu*  
**hurachuu** See *huruu*  
**huramaa** Same as *hurataa* under *huruu*  
**huramuu** See *huruu*  
**hurataa** See *huruu*  
**hurbaawuu** Same as *hurruubuu*<sup>2</sup>  
**hurbuu** 1 Same as *arbuu* 2 Same as *qeberoo*  
**hurgufuu** *n* barley cream or soup  
**hurgufuu** Same as *urgufuu*  
**hurjii** Same as *urjii*  
**hurkaa** Same as *hoo'aa*  
**hurkuu** Same as *hoo'uu*<sup>3</sup>  
**hurmada** Same as *hurmata* under *hurmaduu*  
**hurmaduu** *tv* show respect to; see also *ulfeessuu* under *ulfaachuu*  
**hurmata** *n* gift or present as a token of showing respect  
**hurmata** See *hurmaduu*  
**hurra** Same as *huuba* (1)  
**hurraa** *n* firewood  
**hurraawuu** *tv* (passive) be broken or crushed into pieces *harree dhaan rukuteen uleen koo na duraa hurraaye* My walking stick was broken into pieces after I hit hard a donkey with it. **hurraayaa** *adj* broken *uuroo hurraayaa* a broken jar **hurreeessuu** *tv* break, crush, shatter, shiver, or smash *elee arratti kuftee hurreeessite* She fell on the earthen griddle and broke it into pieces. *aareetu uulee dhaan jabanaa hurreesse* He

smashed the earthen coffee pot with a stick in a moment of anger. **hurrooftuu** *adj* (diminutive) worthless because broken into pieces  
**hurraayaa** See *hurraawuu*  
**hurree** Same as *hurrii*  
**hurreeessuu** See *hurraawuu*  
**hurrii baasuu** *tv* emancipate; free; give independence; liberate *warraaqsa isaaniituu hurrii jara baase* Their revolution and struggle liberated them.  
**hurrii bawuu** *iv* be free; be emancipated; be liberated *Afrikaa keessaa biyya hedduutu hurrii baye* Many countres were liberated in Africa.  
**hurrii maruu** *tv* spread false information to destabilize  
**hurrisuu** *iv* file, i.e., walk one behind the other in a line *alkan hurrisu* They file out at night.  
**hurroo** an expression used when calling a cat  
**hurrooftuu** See *hurraawuu*  
**hurruubsisuu** See *hurruubuu*<sup>1</sup>  
**hurruubuu**<sup>1</sup> *iv* dance and sing simultaneously, *usu* to placate/please a deity/god *eda hurruubaa bulani* They were dancing and singing all night last night. **hurruubsisuu** *tv* cause to dance and sing simultaneously. *waggaa waggaa dhaan namoota mana isaatti hurruubsisu* He makes people dance and sing in his house every year.

**hurruubuu**<sup>2</sup> Same as *qabachuu* (1) under *qabuu*  
**hurufa** *n* 1 wide and deep gully, usu cut in the earth by running water; wide and open grazing area *horiin hufufa jiru* The animals are in the gully. 2 wide, open field  
**hurufuu** Same as *qabachuu* under *qabuu*  
**huruma** Same as *bosona/caakkaa*  
**hurumuu** Same as *bosona/caakkaa*  
**hurunguu** Same as *urunguu*  
**huruphuu** Same as *abbuuqqachuu*  
**hururfachuu** See *hurursuu*  
**hurursuu** *tv* lull a baby, usu by singing softly to it *mucaa hurursi* Lull the baby. **hururfachuu** *tv* lull a baby for self *mucaan kee iyyuutti ka'eeraa hururfadhu* Your baby has started to cry; lull it for yourself.  
**huruu** *tv* pierce, i.e., make a hole with sharp-pointed instruments *eenyutu gurra isee hureefi?* Who pierced her ears/lobes for her? **huraa** *n* (usu applies to holes made deliberately) hole on ears or utensils such as jars and pots *gurri isaa huraa qaba* His lobe is pierced. **hurachuu** *tv* 1 pierce *gurra isaa isa bitaa hurateera* He had his left ear/lobe pierced. 2 be pierced; be perforated or be punctured, usu by itself *huuroon koo na duraa hurate* My jar is perforated. **huramuu** *tv* be (easily) perforated, pierced, or punctured, usu done intention-

ally *uuroon koo hurameera* My jar has been pierced. **inni kun hin huramu** This one should not be pierced. **muki kun cimaa dha; hin huramu** This wood is hard; it won't be pierced. **hurataa** *adj* (usu of utensils) perforated, i.e., has a hole/holes in it *huuroo hurataa* a perforated jar  
**hushaala** See *hushaaluu*  
**hushaaluu** *tv* put a wedge between, usu when splitting wood *hushaalii falaxi* Use a wedge to split the wood.  
**hushaala** *n* wedge  
**husii** Same as *gussee*  
**hussii** Same as *gussee*  
**hususa** Same as *asaasa* under *asaasuu*  
**hususuu** Same as *asaasuu*  
**huuba** *n* 1 dirt, garbage, refuse or rubbish *huuba kana gataa* Dump this rubbish. 2 smudge/smut *huubi maddii kee arraa jira* There is a smudge on your cheek. 3 weed, i.e., unwanted plant in crops *boqqolloo koo huubatu nyaate* My corn crop field ran into weeds. 4 fleck or speck *ija koo keessaa huuba naa baasi* Please remove a fleck from my eye for me. 5 Same as *horii* under *horuu*  
**huuba qoonqoo** *n* 1 tonsil/uvula 2 tonsillitis *kan huuba qoonqoo hanqooquu danda'u hakiimii duwaa dha* Only a medical doctor is qualified to perform tonsillectomy.  
**huubayii** *n* children

**huubboo** *n* 1 round, earthen caldron, cauldron, or vat 2 Same as *huuroo*

**huufa** *n* pile of brushwood *kun mana miti huufa malee* This is not a house; it's like a pile of brushwood; low bush

**huukkeessuu** *tv* jumble up things together and carry *baala, boqqolloo, fi misingaa walitti huukkeessitee dugdatti baattee asiin darbite* She jumbled up leaves, corn plant, and sorghum plant together, carried it [the bundle] on her back, and passed this way.

**huukkoo** Same as *uukkoo*

**huuma** Same as *uuma* under *uumuu*

**huumaa**<sup>1</sup> See *uumaa* under *uumuu*

**huumaa**<sup>2</sup> *adj* small quantity *sogidda amma huumaa naa kenni* give me a very small quantity of salt.

**huumamuu** Same as *uumamuu* under *uumuu*

**huumbii** *n* 1 elephant trunk 2 an inedible, false-banana bunch *huumbiin qoccoo muusii fakkaata malee muusii moti* A bunch of false-banana looks like a bunch of banana, but it is not banana.

**huummachuu** *iv* 1 stuff the mouth with food 2 Same as *uummachuu* under *uumuu*

**huummoo** Same as *uummoo*

**huumuu** Same as *uumuu*

**huunfuu** *tv* take too much; eat greedily

**huuqqachuu** *iv* become emaciated, gaunt, lean, skinny, or be thin from hunger, ill-health, etc. *eega dhukkubsatee fayyee asi huuqqate* He has become skinny ever since he recovered from his illness.

**huuqqataaa** *adj* (of male animals/humans) a bag of bones, emaciated; gaunt, lean, skinny, or thin **huuqqattuu** *adj* (of female animals/persons) a bag of bones, emaciated, gaunt, lean, skinny, or thin **huuqqina** *n* skin and bone, emaciation, gauntness *huqqina malee*

*dhukkuba hin qabdu* Although she is skin and bone, she is healthy.

**huuqqisuu** *tv* make gaunt, lean, or thin *nyaata dhaba moo dhukkubatu akkana isee huuqqise?* Is it malnutrition or illness that has left her so skinny/thin?

**huuqqataa** See *huuqqachuu*

**huuqqattuu** See *huuqqachuu*

**huuqqina** See *huuqqachuu*

**huuqqisuu** See *huuqqachuu*

**huuqqoo** Same as *huuqqataa* under *huuqqachuu*

**huurka** See *huurkuu*

**huurkuu** *iv* sweat **huurka** *n* sweat; see also *dafquu*

**huuroo** *n* jar, usu used for fetching water from the spring *bishaan huuroon sadii guyyaa tokko nu hin oolchu* Three jars of water won't last us a day.

**huurrii** *n* mist or fog *huurrii, huurrii gaara yaabi; abbaan fardaa dhufee gaara yaabi* (children's

chatter) Mist, oh mist, climb the mountain; a horseman has come, climb the mountain.

**huursuu** *iv* 1 (used of a crowd, rain, vehicle, waterfall, wind, and the like) roar *qilleensatu huursa* It is the wind that is roaring. 2 buzz, bubble, sizzle, splutter, or sputter, *usu* applies to the sound produced when cabbage is being boiled *raafuun abidda arraa huursa* The cabbage is bubbling in the pot on the fire. *kanniisii ni/in huursa* Bees buzz. 3 Same as *snore*

**huuruu** *n* (of animals/humans) proboscis or snout, possibly including the mouth and jaw; muzzle *huuruu harree* a donkey's muzzle

**huusoo** Same as *uusoo*

**huutuu** *n* 1 a kind of disease 2 a kind of animal that kills chickens for food

**huuxoo** *n* stamen-like shoot of banana, corn, false-banana, sorghum, etc.

**huwwisa** Same as *uwwisa* under *uwwisuu*

**huwwisuu** Same as *uwwisuu*

**huyyee** *n* a kind of dance

## i/ii/I/II

-i<sup>1</sup> It is suffixed to verbs that **do not end** in *-achuu*, and it is used to form the imperative with the implied "you", singular, e.g.

(*bituu*) *biti* Buy. (*fuudhuu*) *fuudhi* Marry. (*ilaaluu*) *ilaali* Look. cf., *bitachuu* *Bitadhu* Buy for self. (*fudhachuu*) *fudhadhu* Take for self

-i<sup>2</sup> It is a common suffix that marks a subject. If a noun ends in a single **-a** preceded by consonant(s)/vowel(s), the **a** is replaced by **i** to form a subject Examples:

Object Form	Subject
<i>quba</i> (finger)	<i>qubi</i>
<i>areeda</i> (beard)	<i>areedi</i>
<i>baala</i> (leaf)	<i>baalli</i>
<i>durba</i> (girl)	<i>durbi</i>

**ibaa** Same as *biraa*

**ibboo** Same as *hibboo*

**ibfachuu** Same as *ibsachuu* under *ibsuu*

**ibicha** Same as *eebicha*

**ibidda** Same as *abidda*

**ibirkuu** *n* painful growth on the inside of the eye-lid

**iblee** *adj* criminal

**iboora** *n* armlet, i.e., ornamental band worn on the arm

**ibraangoo** Same as *abraangoo*

**ibsa** See *ibsuu*

**ibsachuu** See *ibsuu*

**ibsuu** *tv* 1 light, i.e., cause to give out light *xomboora ibsi* Light a torch 2 light or illuminate *mee mana kana nuu ibsa* Please light this (dark) room for us. **ibsa** *n* light, i.e., any source of light including candle, electricity, fire, lamp, torch, etc. *ibsa dhaamsi* Put out the light. *ibsa ibsi* Turn on the light. **ibschuu** *tv*



illuminate/light for self *ibsa*  
*ibsatanii nyaata jalqaban* They put  
 on the light (for self) and started  
 to eat.

**iccitii** *n* secret **iccitii baasuu** *iv*  
 divulge a secret; spill the beans

**-icha** a suffix that marks  
 definitiveness. An equivalent of  
 the English *the*, it is suffixed to  
 nouns (and sometimes to certain  
 adjectives) that are used as  
 objects in a sentence. It refers to  
 male gender, and it is suffixed  
 after removing the final  
 vowel/vowels. Examples: *gurbai*  
*-gurbicha* the boy *farda - fardicha*  
 the horse.

**-ichi** a suffix that marks  
 definitiveness. An equivalent of  
 the English *the*, it is suffixed to  
 nouns that are used as subjects  
 in a sentence. It refers to male  
 gender, and it is suffixed after  
 removing the final vowel/  
 vowels. Examples: *farsoo -*  
*farsichi* (the beer); *mana manichi*  
 (the house)

**ichiba** Same as *ichima* under  
*ichimuu*

**ichibachuu** Same as *ichimachuu*  
 under *ichimuu*

**ichibuu** Same as *ichimuu*

**ichima** See *ichimuu*

**ichimachuu** See *ichimuu*

**ichimuu** *tv* rub two dry sticks  
 together until fire is produced  
**ichima** *n* 1 two dry sticks that  
 produce fire when rubbed  
 together vigorously; firesticks 2  
 scar **ichimachuu** *tv* produce fire

for self by rubbing two dry  
 sticks together **ichima buusuu** *tv*  
 ignite, kindle, or make a fire by  
 friction, i.e., by rubbing a  
 pointed dry stick against a hole  
 in a wooden board *ichima buuse*  
 He kindled a fire by rubbing two  
 sticks together.

**ici** Same as *ecci*

**ida'amuu** See *ida'uu*

**idaasisuu** See *ida'uu*

**idaayyaa** *n* 1 bride 2 food items  
 that the bride takes with her on  
 her wedding day

**ida'chuu** See *ida'uu*

**ida'uu** *tv* have additional/more  
*dhugaatii ida'iif* Give him some  
 more drinks. *nyaata naa idaate*  
 She gave me additional food.

**ida'amuu** *tv* be increased  
*mindaan anaaf hin ida'amne* I did  
 not get a salary raise **idaasisuu**  
*tv* cause to add or increase  
*nyaatan idaasisseef* I made  
 her/him/them give him more  
 food. **ida'chuu** *tv* have  
 additional or more for self *nyaata*  
*ida'atee* Has he got more food,  
 i.e., in addition to what he  
 already had?

**idaya** *n* a term used to address or  
 refer to a bride

**idda<sup>1</sup>** Same as *hidda*

**idda<sup>2</sup>** See *idduu*

**idda<sup>3</sup>** Same as *iddoo*

**idda kaaya** *n* replacement

**iddamuu** See *idduu<sup>1</sup>*

**idda reeffaa** Same as *hidda reeffaa*

**iddasii** Same as *eegaii*

**iddee** Same as *iddoo*

**iddiddii** Same as *foon ilkaanii*  
under *foon*  
**iddii** Same as *hiddii*  
**iddisiisuu** See *idduu*  
**iddolee** Same as *hiddolee*  
**iddoo** *adv*, *n* 1 place *iddoo ijoolleen*  
*hin qaaqabne kaayi* Put it in a  
place where children cannot  
reach. *iddoon kee kana* Your place  
is this. *iddoo koo fudhatte* You  
took my place, i.e., my seat. 2  
where *iddoo kami jira?* Where is  
it? 3 in lieu of, in place of, in  
one's place, or instead of *iddoo*  
*koo inni ha dhaqu* Let him go  
instead of me. **iddoo buusuu** *tv*  
pay back by replacing property  
used or lost; reimburse *indaaqqoo*  
*koo isa qalattee sana iddoo naa*  
*buusi* Give me another chicken  
for the one you slaughtered.  
**iddoo dhugaa** *n* heaven, i.e.,  
where there is truth *inni iddoo*  
*dhugaa deeme* He passed away,  
i.e., he went to heaven where  
there is justice (because there is  
none in this world) **iddoo kana**  
*adv* at/in this place *iddoo kana*  
*taa'i* Sit here. **iddoo sana** *adv*  
in/at that place *iddoo sana taa'i*.  
Sit there.  
**iddoo buusuu** See *iddoo*  
**iddu** *kaayaa* Same as *irra buusee*  
**idduu**<sup>1</sup> *tv* card or tease, i.e., comb  
or disentangle the fibers of  
cotton with a stringed bow *jirbii*  
*idditi* She is teasing cotton. **iddaa**  
*n* a stringed bow for carding or  
teasing cotton **iddamuu** *tv*  
(passive) be teased or carded

**iddisiisuu** *tv* cause to card or  
tease *isa jirbii iddisiisi; ati*  
*mindhaan qopheessi* Let him tease  
the cotton; you prepare food.  
**idduu**<sup>2</sup> Same as *hidduu* (2)  
**idduu**<sup>3</sup> Same as *gidduu*  
**idil** Same as *idilee*  
**idila** Same as *idilee*  
**idilee** *pron* all *walgayii idilee a*  
meeting of all the members of an  
organization, association, etc.;  
general assembly  
**idina** Same as *gaayyaa*  
**if** Same as *of*  
**ifa** See *ifuu*  
**ifa'aa** Same as *masqala*  
**ifaajuu** *iv* strive hard *inuma ifaaja*  
*hin guutuuf malee* He strives hard  
though he doesn't succeed  
much. "yaa ifaajii ilkaan kootii"  
*jedhe jarrsii baaqilaa nyaate*  
*hooqqisee* (humor) "Oh my teeth,  
I made you drudge at chewing  
dry, hard to crack beans for  
nothing", said an old man after  
vomiting the dry beans he had  
eaten.  
**ifaatee** Same as *dinnicha*  
**ifachuu** *tv* berate, rebuke, or scold  
noisily *nama fuul duratti intala*  
*isee hin ifattuu* She does not scold  
her daughter in company.  
**ifatti** See *ifuu*  
**if qola** *adj* selfish  
**ifsaa** Same as *ibsaa* under *ibsuu*  
**ifsachuu** Same as *ibsachuu* under  
*ibsuu*  
**ifsuu** Same as *ibsuu*  
**iftaan** *adv* the day after tomorrow  
*iftaan dhufti* She will come the

day after tomorrow. *torban iftaanii eerumti* She is getting married a week from the day after tomorrow. *torban iftaanii eerumte* She got married a week from the day after tomorrow.

**ifte** Same as *weensoo*

**iftiina** Same as *ifa* under *ifuu*

**iftuultu** Same as of *tuultuu* under of

**ifuu** *iv* 1 dawn, i.e., begin to grow light *hin ifnee rafi* Sleep; the day has not dawned yet. 2 lighten, i.e., become bright *manni ifeera* The room has lightened. *waaqqayyoo ifeera* The sky has lightened. 3 (fig) become/be clear enough to be understood *naa hin ifne* It is not clear to me. **ifa** *n* dawn; light *ifa manaa baye* He left at dawn. **ifa aduu** *n* sunshine **ifa baasuu** *tv* make open, i.e., make sth that has been secret public *ifa baasamii dubbachuu dhiisan malee, sabich akka hacuuccaa keessaa hin baane barbaadu* Although they don't say it openly, what they want is to keep the people under servitude. **ifatti** *adv* openly, i.e., publicly or without secrecy *waanti akkasii ifatti hin dubbatamu* This kind of a topic cannot be discussed openly. *dur dhoksaa dhaan wal argu turani; ammaaf ifatti baafataniiruu* They used to meet secretly; now they do it openly.

**iggitii** Same as *wabii*

**igir** Same as *irigi*

**igiri** Same as *irigi*

**i'i** Same as *hi' iyyoo*

**iiggaruu** *tv* make/weave a mat

**iikuu** Same as *hiikuu*

**iilbee** Same as *ilbiisa*

**iisuu** This suffix changes the verbs that end in **-achuu** to causative verbs. Examples: *dubbachuu - dubbachiis taphachuu - taphachiis kaachuu - kaachiis*

**N.B.** If two vowels precede **-chuu**, **"-is"** is suffixed. Examples: *kaachuu - kaachis baachuu - baachis*

**iita** See *iita'uu*

**iita'aa** See *iita'uu*

**iita'uu** *tv* swell *fuulli isee iita'eera* Her face has swollen. **iita** *n* swelling on the body which is the result of infection, a knock, tooth-ache, etc. **iita'aa** *adj* swollen **iitessuu** *tv* cause to swell *maaltu fuula isee iitesse?* What made her face swell? **iitooftuu** *adj* (of persons and animals) *adj* swollen, i.e., full of swellings

**iitessaa** Same as *iita* under *iita'uu*

**iitessuu** See *iita'uu*

**iitii** Same as *iita* under *iita'uu*

**iitoo** *n* a disease that causes swelling

**iitooftuu** See *iita'uu*

**iixachiisuu** Same as *hiixachiisuu* under *hiixachuu*

**iixachuu** Same as *hiixachuu*

**ija** *n* eye, i.e., organ of sight 2 grain or single seed of certain crops or fruits *ija boqqolloo* one

grain of corn *ija sayituunii* seed of guava 3 pit, i.e., stone-like seed of such fruits as mangoes, peaches, etc. *ija kookii* pit of a peach *ija jirbii* cotton seed 4 hard knot or round, cross-grained piece in wood or trees *ija mukaa* a konot in wood 5 (fig) grain, i.e., small amount *ani buna ija tokkoyyuu manaa hin qabu* I do not have even one grain of coffee beans in the house. **ijaan** *dubbachuu* *iv* communicate sth through a wink **ijaan** *hatuu* *iv* look at sb secretly **ija** *baasuu* *iv* be/become arrogant, defiant, impudent, or shameless *gurbaan keenya ija baaseera* Our son has become impudent. **ija** *banachuu* *iv* be enlightened; open one's eyes to sth *ammaaf bareechinee ija bananneerra nu cunqursuu hin danda'anu* Now that we are enlightened, they cannot oppress us. **ija** *bu'uu* *iv* (sometimes takes *nama*) be exposed to or be the victim of "evil eye" *ilmi koo ijaa baay'ee beekameef ija namaa bu'e* Because of his popularity, my son became the victim of "evil eye". **ija** *cabsachuu* *iv* become /be self-conscious or shy, usu as a result of reaching puberty *intalli kun ija hin cabsanne* This little girl is not yet self-conscious. **ija** *diimeessuu* *iv* look daggers at someone, i.e., look angrily at *ija diimessee na ilaale* He looked daggers at me. **ija** *dubbii* *n* gist,

i.e., the main points or general meaning **ija** *godhachuu* *iv* (of crops or fruit trees) form grain/seed; fruit *boqqolloon ija godhateera* The corn has formed grains **ija** *hinfuunee* *adj* (usu of females) shameless **ija** *hinguunnee* *adj* small or little **ija** *irraa hafuu* *iv* (usu used in blessing) survive any harm or evil *ilma koo ija irraa hafi* May you survive any evil, my son **ija** *laafeettii* *adj* (of females) extremely shy; not coquettish **ija** *laafessa* *adj* (of males) extremely shy **ija** *nyaachuu* *iv* be rude or be impudent **ija** *qersuu* *iv* look at sb with disdain **ija** *qisuu* Same as *ija qersuu* above **ija** *tokkoon nama ilaaluu* *tv* 1 treat everybody equally, fairly or impartially *barattoota isaa hunda ija tokkoon ilaala* He treats all his students impartially. 2 look down upon sb considered inferior **ijaa** Same as *gatii*<sup>2</sup> **ijaaba** *n* army, i.e., military force **ijaajjii** See *ijaajjuu* **ijaajjisuu** See *ijaajjuu* **ijaajjuu** *iv* stand, i.e., support the body on the feet and be in an upright position *maaliifachi ijaajjita ol seenii taa'i* Why are you standing there? Get in and sit down. **ijaajjii** *n* (usu takes *-tti* and functions as an *adv*) in a hurry, usu eat or drink while standing because one has no time to sit and relax *ijaajjiitti*

*nyaatee manaa baye* He ate his meal in a hurry and left.  
**ijaajjisuu** *tv* cause to stand *ana asi ijaajjisee bade* He made me stand here and disappeared.  
**ijaarrachuu** See *ijaaruu*  
**ijaarrii** Same as *ijaarsa* under *ijaaruu*  
**ijaarsa** See *ijaaruu*  
**ijaarsisuu** See *ijaaruu*  
**ijaaruu** *tv* (used of fence, house, hut, or nest) build or construct *guyyaa tokkotti mana ijaaran* They built a house in one day.  
**ijaarrachuu** *tv* build for self *mana ijaarrateera* He has built a house for self. **ijaarsa** *n* construction, i.e., the way a house, a fence, etc., is constructed *ijaarsi mana kanaa hin tolle* The construction of this house is not done properly.  
**ijaarsisuu** *tv* cause to build or construct *abbaan lafaa dallaa isaa tola na ijaarsisa ture* A feudal lord used to make me construct his fence free of charge.  
**ijee** *n* sorghum blight  
**ijibbaachuu** *iv* **1** fail to find sb/sth after making a thorough search; efforts *sangaa isa bade barabaadeen ijibbaadhe* I searched and searched everywhere for the missing ox, but I couldn't find him at all. **2** Same as *yaalu*  
**ijibbaachiisaa** Same as *rakkisaa*  
**ijibbaata** *n* despair *ijibbaata du'aa imimaantu bu'a* (saying) Tears are signs of despair, i.e., they flow

after one has heard news about the death of a loved one.  
**ijiruu** Same as *iriguu*  
**ijjeerraa** Same as *ijjeerrii* under *ijjeeruu*  
**ijjeerrii** See *ijjeeruu*  
**ijjeersa** Same as *ijjeerrii* under *ijjeeruu*  
**ijjattoo** *n* **1** any device, e.g., ladder, one uses to step on and mount sth **2** Same as *gobanii*  
**ijjeeruu** *tv* thatch a roof by superimposing dry straw, etc. so that the roof becomes real water-tight *mana kee eenyutu sii ijjeere?* Who thatched your roof for you?  
**ijjeerrii** *n* thatching that is water-tight; the way a roof is thatched *ijjeerriin mana kootii hedduu ijaa toleef tasa hin dhimmisu* The roof of my house never leaks because it has been thatched properly.  
**ijjettoo** Same as *ijjattoo*  
**ijibbaachisaa** See *ijibbaachuu*  
**ijibbaata** Same as *ijibbaata* under *ijibbaachuu*  
**ijjisaan** *adv* continuously or continually  
**ijjuu** *iv* be adulterous  
**ijoo** *n* **1** center or summit of a roof *ijoo manaa arra jira* It is on the top of the roof. **2** in function, puck-like hockey ball, usu made of hard joint of wood *ijoo qellee* a hockey puck **3** knot, i.e., a hard mass of wood where a branch joins a tree  
**ijoollee** *n* **1** children (sons or daughters) *ijoollee baay'ee qabu*

They have many children. 2 children, i.e., persons between about five and puberty *ijoolleen tapha jaal'atti* Children like to play. 3 child, i.e., an adult who behaves like a child; immature *namichi akka ijoollee haasa'a* The man talks/behaves like a child. **ijoollummaa** *n* childhood *ijoollummaa dhaan Buree baye* He left Bure (Iluu Abbaa Booraa) in his early childhood.

**ijoollummaa** See *ijoollee*

**ijoo mukaa** Same as *ijoo* (3)

**ijuu** Same as *ejjuu*

**il-** When prefixed to a verb that begins with the "I" sound, it is sometimes used to change the verb into negative, simple present, or future tense *ani isaan illolle* [hin lolle] I did not fight with him. *garaan isee namaa illaafu* [hin laafu] She doesn't sympathize with people. It also functions as *in/ni* in some environments e.g. *illuumxa'e* [in/ni luumxa'e] It became wet. *illola* [in/ni lola] He will fight.

**ila** See *ilaaluu*

**ilaa** (expression) 1 here/there, usu used while pointing or while handing sth to sb *ilaa achi jira* There, it is over there. *ilaa fudhu* Here, take it. 2 mind, i.e., request that usu embodies threat *ilaa na dhiisi* Mind, you leave me alone. 3 mind, i.e., take cognizance of; pay close attention *ilaa waan ani sitti himu dhaggeeffadhu* Mind closely what I tell you. **ilaafi**

**ilaamee** *n* agreement, concord, consensus, harmony, or understanding, i.e., giving opinions and seeing from another's point of view, too; democracy *yoo ilaafi ilaamee hin qabaannee diina keenya akkamitti moowuu dandeenya?* If there is no harmony among us, how can we defeat our enemies? **ilaamee** an expression meaning pay attention to what is to be proposed, said, etc. *ilaamee Gaaddisa bor abbaan kee akka asi dhufu itti himi* Gaaddisa, pay attention, tell your father to come here tomorrow.

**ilaafi ilaamee** See *ilaa*

**ilaala** *adj*, *n* 1 Same as *fagoo* 2 an elevated region; headland or promontory *ilaalatti bayii karaa inni dhufu ilaali* Go up to the elevated region and watch which way he's coming. **ilaala bawuu** *iv* go up to an elevated region 2 Same as *kaadhimachuu*

**ilaala bawuu** See *ilaala*

**ilaalamuu** See *ilaaluu*

**ilaalcha** See *ilaaluu*

**ilaallachuu** See *ilaaluu*

**ilaallannaa** Same as *ilaallachuu* under *ilaaluu*

**ilaallii** *n* reception given when one's wife returns from her parent's home after giving birth there

**ilaaltuu** See *ilaaluu*

**ilaaluu** *tv* 1 inspect, look at carefully, or see *muka sana ilaali* Look at that tree. 2 visit, i.e., go

to see sb *haadha isee ilaaltee deebite*  
 She visited her mother and  
 returned. **ila** *n* eye; see also *ija*  
**ilaalamuu** *tv* (passive) be seen or  
 looked at/into *dubbiin kun*  
*ilaalmu qaba* This case has to be  
 looked into. **ilaalcha** *n* (of girls)  
 courting, dating or wooing, i.e.,  
 observation of a girl and her  
 ways before marriage proposal  
*intalli isaa ilaalcha geesseetti* His  
 daughter is old enough for  
 courting. **ilaallachuu** *tv* court,  
 i.e., observe a girl and her ways,  
 usu without her knowledge,  
 with a view to marriage *eega isee*  
*ilaallatee fixee booda abbaa iseetti*  
*jaarsa ergate* After he had  
 observed her and her ways, he  
 sent elders to her father to  
 negotiate marriage on his behalf.  
**ilaaltuu** *n* eye; see also *ija*

**ilaamee** See *ilaa*

**ilacha** Same as *maddii*

**ilbiisa** *adj, n 1* (of  
 animals/humans) despicable,  
 good for nothing, useless, or  
 worthless *namichi ilbiisi kun maal*  
*barbaada?* What does this useless  
 man want? **2** germs, parasites,  
 insects that harm people and  
 crops **3** rabies

**ilboruu** *n* east; *baha* is more  
 common

**ilchuu** Same as *ililchuu*

**il diimaan nama ilaaluu** Same as  
*ija diimeessuu* under *ija*

**ildiimuu** *tv* look daggers at sb *nan*  
*ildiimin* Don't look daggers at

me. See also *ija diimeessuu* under  
*ija*

**ilgalchuu** *n* west; *lixa* is more  
 common

**ililcha** Same as *ilillee* under  
*ililchuu*

**ililchuu** *iv* (applies to women)  
 rejoice by ululating or by  
 producing cry of joy when  
 welcoming a new-born baby, a  
 bride and bridegroom, or when  
 saluting a leader, etc. *gatii*  
*gammaddee ililchite* She ululated  
 because of joy. **ilillee** *n* women's  
 cry of joy; ululation

**ililii** Same as *ilillee* under *ililchuu*

**ilillee** See *ililchuu*

**ilillii** *n 1* Same as *abaaboo 2*  
 (applies to cocks and hens)  
 comb/crest, i.e., flesh-like red  
 growth on top of the head of  
 chickens

**ilka** *n 1* ivory or tusk *ilka arbaa*  
 elephant tusk **2** Same as *ilkaan*

**ilkaan** *n 1* tooth (of animals/  
 humans) *dhukkubbiin ilkaanii*  
*gadhee dha* Toothache is terrible.  
**2** tooth (of a saw, sickle, etc.)  
*ilkaan haamtuu* teeth of a sickle

**ilkaan biqqifachuu** *tv* cut a  
 tooth; teethe *mucaan koo ilkaan*  
*biqqifateera* My baby has cut a  
 tooth or has begun teething.

**ilkaan buqqifachuu** *tv* lose, usu  
 a baby tooth naturally *mucaan*  
*koo ilkaan buqqifateera* My baby  
 has lost his milk teeth. **ilkaan**  
**dhalootaa** *n* baby tooth,  
 deciduous tooth, or milk tooth  
**ilkaan itti buqqifachuu** *tv* cut

one's teeth on, i.e., be an expert in sth because one had been exposed to it early in life *qonnaa akkam wal'aala ilkaan itti buqqifate woo?* It is impossible for him not to know how to plow; after all, he cut his teeth on it. **ilkaan qaruu** *iv* 1 produce death rattle, i.e. be hopelessly sick 2 be a coward

**ilkaan beeree** *n* corn cob with few corn seeds here and there (it's an allusion to an old woman's teeth most of which are missing due to old age)

**ilka beeree** Same as *ilkaan beeree*

**ilkee n 1** Same as **ilkaan 2** stinger of a bee

**ilkeele** Same as *ilkaan*

**illaa** *n* scar, i.e., a reminder of bad experience that cannot be forgotten

**illacha<sup>1</sup> n 1** cheek, usu of animals 2 chin

**illacha<sup>2</sup>** Same as *illee<sup>1</sup>*

**illee<sup>1</sup> n** temple, i.e., the flat region on either side of the forehead

**illeessuu** *tv* hit on the forehead

**illee<sup>2</sup> adv 1** even *inni gaafa haati isaa du'an illee hin boonye* He did not cry even when his mother died. **2** at least *inni illee fira qabaa iseen maal qabdi?* At least he has relatives, but what does she have? **3** (show determination or emphasis) no one *yoo tokkummaa qabaanne, enyu illee danda'ee nuyi hin moowu*. If we have unity, no one can defeat us.

**illeensa** Same as *illeentii*

**illeentii** *n* rabbit; hare

**illeessuu** See *illee<sup>1</sup>*

**illeettii** Same as *illeentii*

**illima** Same as *kiyyoo*

**illim jechuu** Same as *hillim jechuu*

**ilma** *n* son *kun ilma keetii?* Is this your son? *lakkii ilma ilma kootiitii* No, he is the son of my son, i.e., grandson **ilma abaarsaa** *adj* (of a son) accursed/accurst **ilma**

**maddii** *n* adopted son **ilma**

**namaa** *adj* of a person of good birth or of gentle blood **ilmaan**

**namaa** *n* human beings *ilmaan oromo* descendants of Oromo

**ilmaan n 1** sons or daughters **2** (usu of bees) chrysalis or pupa, i.e., a young bee just able to fly *kanniisi ilmaan yaafta* The bees have let the pupas out (out of the hives).

**ilma aayyaa** *n* (usu endearment) one's brother

**ilmee** Same as *ilmoo*

**ilmoo** *n* child or offspring *namni ilmoo isaa jibbuu jira?* Is there any person who hates his/her own child?

**ilqaba** *adj* extremely evil *ilqaba seexanaa* satanic/satanical

**iluu** *iv* be lenient, relentless, or be less severe with sb/sth, usu applies to punishing animals/humans; pull one's punches *yoo inni hattuu ta'e hin ilin albaasi* If you're sure that he's a thief, don't be lenient with him; beat him up real good.

**im-** Same as *hin/-in-*, but *im-* is prefixed to a verb that begins



with bilabial sounds, /b/ or /m/ e.g. (*banu*) *ani isa kana im banu* I won't open this one. (*mul'achuu*) *natti im mul'atu* I can't see it. "*hin banu/hin mul'atu*" or "*in banun/in mul'atu*" is also possible.

**ima** Same as *inuma*

**imaammata** *n* policy, i.e., plan of action

**imachuu** Same as *himachuu* under *himuu*

**imala** See *imaluu*

**imaltoota** See *imaluu*

**imaltuu** Same as *imaluu*

**imaluu** *iv* 1 go on a journey, trip, or voyage *yoom imalto'ita?* When are you going on a trip? 2 Same as *nagaduu* **imala** *n* 1 trip or journey 2 Same as *nagada* under *nagaduu* **imaltoota** *n* passengers **imaltuu** *n* 1 a traveler, i.e., one who is traveling *karaa arra imaltuu baay'eetu jira* There are many travelers on the road. 2 journey, trip, or voyage *imaltuu deeme* He went on a trip.

**imbiltaa** *n* wooden, musical instrument that resembles the alpen horn

**imii** 1 Same as *shifi* 2 germ

**imimi** Same as *dhimmuu* under *dhimmisuu*

**imimmaan** *n* tear, i.e., liquid that is secreted by/from the eye **imimmaan argachuu** *tv* (used of a deceased) be lamented/grieved for *imimmaan baay'ee argate* Many people cried, lamented, or grieved for him.

**imimmaan dhabuu** *iv* (used of a deceased) not be grieved/lamented; not missed, i.e., not many people cried for him/her **imimmaan mukaa** *n* sap of plants

**imimmeessuu** *tv* (used of plants or trees that produce latex, i.e., milky, viscous sap) cause a tree produce latex *adaamii dhakaa dhaan rukutee imimmeesse* He hit the cactus with a stone and made it produce latex.

**imimmuu** See *imimuu*

**imimsa** See *imimsuu*

**imimsuu** *iv* (used of a horse) 1 snort *fardi ni/in himimsa* A horse snorts. 2 yell; shout *natti hin himimsin* Don't shout at me. **imimsa** *n* snort *imimsa fardaa dhagayee gadi baye* He heard a snort of a horse and went out. 2 shouting or yelling

**imimuu** *iv, tv* 1 sweat; see also *dafquu* 2 ooze; exude *madaa isaa keessaa dhiigii imime* Blood oozed from his wound. 2 cry, i.e., drop tears **imimmuu** *n* exudation; oozing

**iminsuu** Same as *imimsuu*

**immaanuu** Same as *gammaduu*

**immaanyii** *n* eye-witness; witness

**immamma** *n* a term of address usu to one's own mother *imamma, nan dheebodhe* Mother, I'm thirsty. **immammaa** *n* a term of reference usu to one's own mother *immammaa argitee?* Have you seen Mother? *immammaa* + proper name means mother of

(usu a polite way of addressing or referring to a mother/ woman) *immammaa Qomoo*, *kottaa buna dhugaa Qomoo's* mother, come and drink coffee *immammaa Qomoo barbaadu* They are looking for Qomoo's mother.

**immanaashuu** Same as *majii* (1)

**immoo** *adv* 1 again, i.e., furthermore *maal barbaada/ barbaaddi?* What does he/she want? 2 and (how, what, when, where, which, who, etc.) *iseen immoo yoom dhufte?* And when did she come? *jarri immoo eessa dhaqan?* And where did they go? *inni immoo maal barbaada?* And what does he want? *abbaa hin qabuu haati isaa immoo iyyeettii dha* He has no father, and his mother is poor.

**imuu**<sup>1</sup> 1 Same as *himuu* 2 Same as *elellaa*

**imuu**<sup>2</sup> Same as *uummoo*

**in** Used in an affirmative sentence, it precedes (a) simple past (b) simple present, or a future tense. The formula is: *Subject + in + past + present + future tense* Example for: (a) simple past *ati/isin/ nuji/inni/ iseen/jarri + in + deemte/deemtan /deemne/deeme/deemte/deeman* You/ We/He/She/They went. (b) simple present and future tense (same form) *ati/isin/nuyi /inni/iseen /jarri + in + deemta/ deemtu/ deemna/deema /deemti/ deemu* You/You/We/He/She/

They go/go/go/goes/goes go/will go. Note that if the subject is "I" only *nan/nin* is possible. Example: *nan/nin deeme/deema*. I went/I go/will go.

**inaafaa** See *inaafuu*

**inaaffisuu** See *inaafuu*

**inaafsisuu** Same as *inaaffisuu* under *inaafuu*

**inaaftuu** See *inaafuu*

**inaafuu** *iv* be jealous; envy *dhirsi isee baay'ee inaafa* Her husband is very jealous. **inaafaa** *adj* (of male humans) envious; jealous *dhirsa inaafaa tokko qabdi* She has a jealous husband *inaafaan of nyaata* (saying) A jealous man destroys himself (lit: eats himself) **inaafsisuu** *tv* cause to be jealous *maaliif isa inaaffift?* Why does she make him jealous? **inaaftuu** *adj* (of persons) envious or jealous **namatti inafuu** *tv* be jealous of sb, i.e., feel or show unhappiness because of the better fortune, success, etc., of others *ijaa inni figichoo dhaan mooweefi itti inaafan* Because he won in the running race, they became jealous of him.

**incinnii** *n* a kind of plant, the sticky rind or bark of which is used as rope

**indaaddaa** *n* full load carried by a camel

**indaanqoo** Same as *indaaqqoo*

**indaaqqoo** *n* 1 chicken or fowl, i.e., domestic cock or hen *indaaqqoo meeqa qabda?* How

many chickens do you have?  
*karaan dugda indaaqqoo siif ha ta'u*  
 Have a nice trip (lit May the  
 distance/road you travel be as  
 short as the back of a chicken for  
 you.) 2 chicken flesh as food  
*indaaqqoo hin nyaatu* He does not  
 eat chicken. **indaaqqo seexanaa**  
*n* a partridge-sized red bird, usu  
 found near a marshy area;  
 moorhen  
**indhēe** *n* a kind of tree  
**indhēessa** Same as *gaattiraa*  
**indhoo** Same as *hi'i*  
**indoodēe** Same as *andoodēe*  
**indootoo** *n* aunt, i.e., a sister of  
 one's mother  
**indotiyyaa** Same as *indootoo*  
**injifachuu** *iv* vanquish; win, usu  
 in wrestling, in political struggle,  
 etc., *wal'aansoo dhaan eenyutu*  
*injifate?* Who won in the  
 wrestling match? **injifachiisuu**  
*tv* cause to win **injifannoo** *n*  
 victory  
**injifannaa** Same as *injifannoo*  
 under *injifachuu*  
**injifannoo** See *injifachuu*  
**injijjaawuu** *iv* develop nits, i.e.,  
 have or be infested with nits  
*mataan mucaa ni/in injijjaaye* The  
 child's hair is infested with nits.  
**injijjii** *n* nits  
**injira** See *injiraawuu*  
**injiraan** See *injiraawuu*  
**injiraawuu** *iv* develop or have lice  
 in one's hair or become infested  
 with lice *mataan isaa injiraayeera*  
 His hair has developed lice.  
**injira** *n* searching and

destroying lice from the hair  
**injiraan** *n* louse, singular; lice,  
 pl; **injireessuu** *tv* cause to be  
 infested with lice *xuriin nama*  
*injireessa* Lack of cleanliness  
 makes one lousy, i.e., have lice  
**injirooftuu** *adj* (of a person)  
 lousy, i.e., infested with lice  
*mucaa injirooftuu kana mataa isaa*  
*saabunaa dhaan miicca* Wash this  
 lousy child's hair with soap.  
**injiruu** *tv* hunt or take out lice  
 from hair *mataa mucaa dhaa injiri*  
 Search and take out lice from the  
 child's hair.  
**injiree** Same as *injiraan* under  
*injiraawuu*  
**injireessuu** See *injiraawuu*  
**injirooftuu** See *injiraawuu*  
**injirree** *n* 1 a climbing plant 2 See  
*jiraachuu*  
**injiruu** See *injiraawuu*  
**inkiraawuu** *iv* (used of farm land)  
 be free of weeds, usu after  
 chickpea crop has been  
 harvested from it *lafi koo naa*  
*inkiraayeera* My plot of land has  
 become clear (of weeds).  
**inkireessuu** *tv* cause land to be  
 fertile and be clear of weeds by  
 growing legume plants (e.g.  
 chickpea) on it *lafa koo inkireesseen*  
*booddee boqqoloo qote* After I  
 fertilized my land by growing  
 chick peas, I grew corn on it.  
**inkirii** *adj* (of land) clear and  
 fertile  
**inkirdaada** *n* darnel  
**inkireessuu** See *inkiraawuu*  
**inkirii** See *inkiraawuu*

**inkoo** *n* share

**innaa** Same as *ennaa*

**inni** *pron* **1** *he inni ojii jaal'ata* He likes to work. **2** *what inni iseen barbaaddu asi hin jiru* What she is looking for is not here. *inni inni jedhuuf inni nuyi jenne qoba qobaa dha* What he says and what we said are different. **3** *the one which or the one that inni iseen bittee eessa jira* Where is the one that she bought?

**innikkaa** *n* name of the 1<sup>st</sup> day of a month

**inqooxoo** *n* a tree with thorns the fruit of which is edible

**inqubunnee** *n* brain, i.e., the soft gray matter

**inshilaala** Same as *insilaala*

**insilaala** *n* anise or dill [aniseed or plant]

**insoosillaa** Same as *ansoosillaa*

**intala** *n* **1** *daughter intala isaa eerumsiiseeraa?* Has he married off his daughter? *intalli haati jajju hin eerumtu* (saying) The daughter that the mother praises won't marry (hollow self-image) **2** *girl har'a intala bareedduu tokkon arge* I saw a beautiful girl today. **intalaa** (vocative) a term used for addressing or calling a young girl *intalaa maal jette?* What did you say, young lady? *kottu intalaa* Come, young lady. **intallii** (subject form) a term used for referring to a young girl *intalli isaa kaleessa mana barnootaa galte* His daughter started school yesterday.

**intalishee** *n* toy or doll

**intaloo** *adj, n* **1** (vocative) a term of address to a girl *intaloo dhaggeeffadhu* Listen, girl. See also *intalaa* under *intala* **2** *red corn/maize boqqolloo intaloo* red corn

**inuma** *adv* **1** *simply, i.e., absolutely or altogether inuma naa gamte* I am simply tired. **2** *just, merely, or only inuma odeessu malee maal nuu godhu?* They just talk and bluff; what do they do for us?

**iny-** Same as *hin*, but this one precedes verbs that begin with *ny* e.g., *nyaadhu* Eat. *iny nyaadhu* I won't eat. It is also correct to say: *hin nyaadhu* I won't eat

**i'oo** Same as *hi'i*

**ipsaa** Same as *ibsaa* under *ibsuu*

**ipsachuu** Same as *ibsachuu* under *ibsuu*

**ipsuu** Same as *ibsuu*

**iqaama** *n* identification or identity card

**iquu** Same as *siquu*

**ir-** Same as *in*, but this one precedes a verb that begins with *r* e.g. *rafuu* (sleep) *ir rafa* He sleeps/He will sleep. It is also correct to say: *in rafa* He sleeps/will sleep.

**iraaba** See *iraabuu*

**iraabsisuu** *tv* to feed a person properly immediately before he/she begins to fast *iraaba n* food eaten immediately before one begins fasting *iraaba natti hin/im baay'isin; booriif hin*

*nyaatanu* Don't make this special food too much for me; no one can eat for tomorrow!

**iraarsa** Same as *hiraarsa* under *hiraarsuu*

**iraarsuu** Same *hiraarsuu*

**iraata** Same as *irbaata*

**irachuu** Same as *hirachuu*

**ir'achuu** Same as *hir'achuu* under

**irana** *adv* this time

**irbaa** See *irbuu*

**irbaata** *n* (only of chief meals eaten in the evening) dinner or supper *irbaati qophaayee?* Is dinner ready?

**irboo**<sup>1</sup> *n* a small basket, *usu* for serving roast grain

**irboo**<sup>2</sup> *n* a fourth part of a tenant's annual earning from land, paid as tax to a land-lord

**irbooree** *n* ivory bracelet or ring

**irbuu**<sup>1</sup> *tv* stir *itto* *irbiti* She is stirring the stew. **irbaa** *n* 1 a stick for stirring sauce, stew, etc.; see also *erbuu*<sup>2</sup> (2) 2 Same as *waadaa* (1)

**irbuu**<sup>2</sup> *tv* rub two objects together; see also *ichimuu*

**irdii** *n* saffron, *usu* used as a cooking spice

**irga** *n* 1 Same as *irgoo* 2 gum, i.e., pink flesh where teeth are rooted; see also *irgoo*

**irga takka** *adv* all at the same time; not one by one *stadiyoomii keessa irga takka lixuuf wal dhiibu* They are pushing each other while they are trying to enter the stadium all at once.

**irgoo** *n* 1 gum, i.e., the flesh in which the teeth are rooted 2 Same as *urgoo*

**irigi** *adv* somewhere here/there/down/up *inni irigi ijaa deemeeef mana kee dhufuu daxxabe* He couldn't come to your house because he went somewhere.

**iriguu** *adv* (more emphatic than *irigi*) anywhere *ani iriguu hin deemu* I won't go anywhere

**iriira** Same as *hiriira* under *hiriiruu*

**iriyaa** Same as *iryaa*

**irkachiisuu** See *irkisuu*

**irkachuu** See *irkisuu*

**irkata** Same as *irkoo* under *irkisuu*

**irkifachuu** See *irkisuu*

**irkisuu** *tv* (*usu* takes *itti*) lean sth against sth; prop *akka eeboon kee hin kufne kabaatti irkisi* Prop your spear against the wall so as to prevent it [the spear] from falling. **irkachiisuu** *tv* cause to lean *mucaa ofitti irkachiiftee teesse* She made the child lean against her and sat. **irkachuu** *iv* 1 lean, i.e., rest in a sloping position for support *arka iseetti irkate* He leaned against her arm. 2 lean against *utubaatti irkatanii ijaajjani* They leaned against the pillar and stood. **irkifachuu** *tv* prop for self; lean sth against sth for self *eeboo kee kaabatti irkifadhu taa'i* Prop your spear against the wall and sit down. *utubaatti irkifadhu* Lean backwards against the pillar and sit. **irkoo** *n* prop or support *barcumni koo irkoo qaba* My stool has a support *manni*

*kun duufeera*; *irkoo barbaachisa*  
This hut is about to fall/totter; it  
needs a prop. **itti irkannaa** *n*  
marriage of convenience, i.e.,  
usu a married man lives with a  
rich widow who he can leave at  
will

**irkoo** See *irkisuu*

**irmaata** Same as *hirmaata* under  
*hiruu*

**irmachuu** Same as *hirmachuu*  
under *hiruu*

**irmii** Same as *araama* (1)

**irmii baafachuu** *iv* know/learn  
the fact about the death of one's  
relative or friend and mourn  
*haati kee du'aniiru*; *irmi baafadhu*  
Know the truth and be ready to  
mourn: Your mother has passed  
away.

**irqinfachiisuu** See *irqinfachuu*

**irqinfachuu** *iv* hiccough/hiccup  
*ni/in irqinfata* He is hiccupping.

**irqinfachiisuu** *iv* have the  
hiccups *namatu maqaa na dhaye*  
*fakkaata na irqinfachiisa*

Somewone must have  
mentioned my name because I  
am hiccupping (superstition).

**irqinfuu** *n* hiccup or hiccough  
*irqinfuun na qabe* I am having the  
hiccups.

**irqinfuu** See *irqinfachuu*

**irqinsuu** Same as *irqinfuu* under  
*irqinfachuu*

**irra** Same as *arra*

**irraa** Same as *arraa*

**irraa baatee** Same as *jelaa baatee*  
under *jela*

**irraaffachuu** Same as *irraanfachuu*

**irraa jala** Same as *arraa jalaa* under  
*arraa*

**irraanfachiisuu** See *irraanfachuu*

**irraanfachuu** *tv* 1 forget, i.e., be  
unable to remember *maqaa isaa*  
*irraanfadhheera* I have forgotten  
his name. 2 forget, i.e., lack  
concern for or neglect *ilmi koo na*  
*irraanfateera* My son has  
forgotten me. **irraanfachiisuu** *tv*  
cause to forget *haasaa dhaan na*  
*qabdee ojii na irraanfachiifte* She  
engaged me in conversation and  
made me forget to go to work.  
**irraanfatamuu** *tv* be forgotten  
*iddoo dhokattuu taa'ee irraanfata*  
He was forgotten (e.g. was not  
given food) because he sat in a  
hidden corner.

**irraanfatamuu** See *irraanfachuu*

**irraan gadee** *adv* down-hill

**irraan olee** *adv* up-hill

**irraa qabuu** Same as *arraa qabuu*  
under *arraa*

**irra buusee** *n* small load placed  
on top of major load carried by  
pack animals

**irra deebii** *n* repitition; see *arra*  
*deebi'uu* under *arra*

**irra dhaaba** *n* marriage that takes  
effect on the same day of  
marriage proposal

**irra dhaquu** Same as *nama arra*  
*goruu* under *goruu*

**irra gatuu** Same as *arra*  
*dhangala'uu* under *arra*

**irra goruu** Same as *irra dhaquu*

**irratti dhalachuu** *iv* be born  
immediately next to *Danuun*

*Baayy'isaa irratti dhalate* Danuu was born next to Baayy'isaa  
**irratti fuudhuu** *iv* marry another one while the previous wife is still a legal wife *na irratti fuudhe*  
 He married on me, so to speak.  
**irree** *n* 1 arm 2 (fig) muscles, power, or physical strength  
*abbaan irree cimaa dafqaan bulaa dhuma* Those who have the power are the workers.  
**irreeffachuu** *iv* perform ritual by putting long grass, usu under a large tree, to appease or propitiate the gods or the spirits  
*muka sanatti atuu hin irreeffatin bira hin darbin* Don't pass by that tree before performing ritual, i.e., before putting grass under it. **irreessa** *n* 1 tall grass, usu put under a tree to appease the gods 2 fee, in kind or cash, paid to a spiritual healer before treatment  
*irreessa qarshii lama na baasisani* The spiritual healer charged me two birr for his service.  
**irreeffamuu** *tv* (used of corpse) be buried  
**irreessa** See *irreeffachuu*  
**irriba** *n* Sleep or slumber *irribi na qabee rafuu?* I am feeling sleepy, shall I sleep? *eda irribi nan [na hin]* *fudhanne* I didn't go off at all last night, i.e., I didn't sleep even a wink last night.  
**irrumaan** *adv* slowly and attentively *irrumaan ojjadhu* Work slowly and attentively.  
**irsaasii** *n* 1 pencil 2 Same as *baaruda*

**irshoo** *n* yeast  
**irsii** *n* amulet  
**irtaa** Same as *hirtaa* under *hiruu*  
**ir'uu** Same as *hir'uu* under *hir'achuu*  
**irya'aa** Same as *irya*  
**iryaa** *n* 1 peer, i.e., a peson who is one's equal, usu in age *mucaan kootii fi mucaan isee iryaa dha* My child and hers are peers. 2 bosom, close, or intimate friend; chum or pal *an obboleessa koo caalaa iryaa koon jaal'a* I love my close friend more than I love my own brother. **iryaa baafachuu** *tv* make sb one's best friend  
**iryooma** *n* friendship  
**isa** *pron* (object) him/it *isa im barbaadu* I do not want him/it. *isatti kenni* Give it to him. *maal isa godha?* What can he/it do to him?  
**isaa** *pron* 1 (object) him/it *isaa kenni* Give it to him. 2 his/its *kan isaati*. It is his *eegee isaa* its tail *manni kun balballi isaa sibiila* The door of this house is metal. *maal isaa godha?* What good will it do him/it?  
**isaan** *pron* 1 (honorific/pl; the difference is determined by the context) they/theirs/them *isaantu natti hime* /They told me. *manni kun kan isaaniiti* This house is theirs. *manni isaani guddaa dha* Their house is big. *isaanii wajjin haasa'uun barbaada* I want to talk to them. *isaan har'a manaa him baane* They have not gone out today.

**isee** *pron* (object) 1 *her iseetti gurgure* He sold it to her. *manni kun kan iseeti* This house is hers. *isee dhaa jedhee biyyaa baye* He left the country for her sake. *kun isee dhaafi* This is for her.

**iseen** *pron* (subject) *iseen maal sitti himte?* What did she tell you? *iseen koolejii fixxeetti* She has completed college. *iseen arjaa dha; akka isaa miti* She is generous; she is not like him. *sa'a kana iseen ha elmitu* Let her milk this cow.

**ishee** Same as *isee*

**isheen** Same as *iseen*

**ishi** Same as *isee*

**ishoo** (expression) *bravo, excellent, or well done ishoo ilma koo* Well done, my boy/son.

**isii** *pron* Same as *isee*

**isilaama** *n* Moslem; Islamic religion

**isin** *pron* (pl/honorific; subject or object) *you isin yoom dhufan?* When did you come? *maal isin godha?* What harm can he/it do to you? *Isin itti himaa* You tell him/ her/them

**isinii** *pron* (pl/honorific; object) for you *maal isinii godha* What good will he/it do for you? *daadhii isinii bituu?* Shall I buy mead for you?/Shall I buy you mead?

**isiniina** Same as *wixata*

**isiis-** Suffixed to some verbs that end in -ccuu (two consonants in succession + the infinitive markers), it changes the verb to

causative. Examples: (*kolfuu*) *kolfisiis* cause to laugh (*jibbuu*) *jibbisiis* cause to hate N.B. The vowel that precedes -ccuu is always short

**ispoortii** *n* sports

**issilaalee** Same as *insilaala*

**ixximaara** *n* 1 (neologism) exploiter, i.e., one who does not work but depends on the work of others 2 imperialism; imperialism; globalization

**itillee** *n* leather, usu tanned hide used as bed sheet

**itinoo** Same as *hamxiixii*

**itittuu** See *itittuu*

**itittuu** *iv* curdle *aannan ititeera* The milk has curdled, i.e., it has become yogurt. **itittuu** *n* curdled milk or yogurt

**ittaaanaa** Same as *itti'aanaa* under *itti'aanuu*

**ittaaanuu** Same as *itti'aanuu*

**ittanuu** *iv* strain every nerve, usu when emptying constipated bowels or when carrying heavy load, etc. *ittante agde* You/She defecated with strain.

**itti** *prep* 1 in the direction of, i.e., to/towards sb/sth *itti deemi* Go towards it/him/her/them. *itti darbadhu* Throw it to/at him. 2 (jussive indicating incorporation of one thing with another) on/to *bishaan itti naqi* Pour water in/on it. *itti dabali* Add to it. *itti u'wwisi* Put clothes on him. 3 *itti + verb* indicates varieties of meanings, e.g. *itti baasi* release a calf to go



and suckle just before beginning to milk *itti sirbi* Dance with him/her. *itti wayyaayeera* He/She/It is feeling better now. *itti ilaali* Wait and see. *itti roobe* It rained on him/it/her. *itti kolfite* She/You laughed at him/her/it/them. *itti ha 'afu* He had better be without it. *itti dhiisi* Leave it. *maal itti goota* What are you going to use it for? *itti dukkanaye* It became dark for him, so he can't see. *itti im/him/hin beeku* He doesn't know how to do/use it. *itti barteetti* She now knows how to do/use it. *itti irkisi* Lean it against sth. *itti agarsiisi* Show it to him/her/them/it. Show him how to do/use it. *Karaa itti agarsiisi* Show him the direction. *itti bobeessi* Make the fire burn up (by blowing on it). *itti dheekamte* She rebuked him/her/them. *itti iyyan* They shouted at him. *itti boosse* She cried to him for sth. *itti ijaare* He built her/him/them a house. *akka jarrii itti nu ilaalanutti nuyi hundumtuu* *gowwaa dha* In their eyes, we are all fools. **itti haasa'uu** *iv*, *tv* **1** chat with sb **2** (competitive activity, transactions) fool; beat sb up *hoolaani sitti gurgura jedhee* *natti haasa'e* Saying that he would sell me sheep, he fooled me. *diina isaatti haasa'ee bira darbe* He beat up his enemy and went away.

**itti'aanaa** See *itti'aanuu*

**itti'aanuu** *iv* be next to sb/sth in age, order, rank, space, etc. *natti aanee ijaajje* He stood next to me *natu sitti 'aana* I'm next to you (on this line). **itti'aanaa** *n* deputy *itti'aanaa prezidentii koloneel Alamu* *Qixxeessaa* Deputy to President Colonel Alamu *Qixxeessa* (the late president of Maccaa and Tuulamaa Association)

**itti baruu** Same as *itti beekuu* (**2**) under *beekuu*; see also *itti dheekkamuu* (**2**) under *dheekkamuu* **itti bawuu** *tv* resemble; take after *abbaa isaatti baye* He took after his father.

**itti beekuu** See *beekuu* (**2**)

**itti ergaa** *n* mishap

**ittifachuu** See *ittisuu*

**itti gaafatmuu** *iv* be responsible for an office, a position, and be blamed if sth goes wrong **itti galuu** *iv* (usu applies to a man) move in with a widow and live with her as a husband

**ittii prep** away from; off/from *ittii baqadhu* Run away from it.

*funyoo ittii baasi* Take the rope off (the animal's neck, legs, etc.)

*maal ittii barbaada?* What does he want from/withher/him? *ittii cabsi* Break a piece off it.

**ittiin prep** **1** with (indicating the means or instrument) *ittiin muri* Cut it with it. **2** with (indicating antagonism, opposition) *ittiin hin lola* Do not quarrel or fight with him. *ittiin oddi* She is not on speaking terms with him.

**itti irkannaa** See *irkisuu*  
**itti maraachuu** *iv* be crazy about sth/sb, i.e., be very enthusiastic  
*dhirsa iseetti maraatti* She is crazy about her husband.  
**itti muruu** *iv* give the guilty verdict against, i.e., decide against  
*natti muran* They decided against me.  
**itti qabachuu** *iv* make sb a scapegoat or a whipping boy  
*balleessaa isaanii natti qabachuu barbaadu* They want to make me a scapegoat for their own crime.  
**ittisaa** See *ittisuu*  
**ittisiisuu** See *ittisuu*  
**ittisuu** *tv* prevent, usu grazing animals, from straying from their home base  
*dhaqii sa'a sana naa ittisi* Go and stop that cow from straying.  
*qonnaattii ittisi* Stop it from entering the farm.  
**ittifachuu** *tv* prevent grazing animals from straying (for self)  
*sa'a kee ittifa<sub>dh</sub>u* Stop your cattle from straying (for self).  
**ittisaa** *n* an area closed to grazing  
**ittisiisuu** *tv* cause to guard/tend animals  
*sa'a na ittisiisa* He makes me tend cattle.  
**itto** Same as *qettoo*  
**ittuma** emphatic form of *itti* cf., *itti himan* They told him. *ittuma himan* They told him (without fear, or reservations).  
**ixaa** *n* 1 lot, i.e., choice resulting from chance  
*ixaa dhaan nuu iraa* Divide sth among us by lot.  
*ixaa nuu buusi* Cast lots for us.  
*har'a akkan irbaata nyaachisu ixaa natti*

*baye* The task of preparing dinner fell to me (hard luck for me).  
**2** chance, fortune, lot, or luck  
*ixaa hin qabdu* She has no luck.  
*taamunii kana ixaa dhaafachi keeyadhu* Keep this penny for luck.  
**3** lottery  
*ixaatu naa baye* I won the chance in the lottery.  
**4** (of a person) a bad lot, i.e., difficult to get along with  
*namichi kun ixaa koo miti; ani isa hin jaal'u* This man is a bad lot; I don't like him.  
**ixinxima** *n* joints  
*awuu qorranuu ixinxima hundatu nama dhukkuba* When a person freezes, all his/her joints become painful.  
**iy-** Same as *hin* but this one is prefixed to a verb that begins in a "y" sound (*yaabu*)  
*farda isa kana yaabi* Ride this horse.  
*iyyaabu* No, I won't ride him. It is also correct to say: *hin yaabu*  
**iyyaa** *n* a serval-like wild cat that kills chickens for food  
**iyyaafacha** See *iyyaafachuu*  
**iyyaafachiisuu** See *iyyaafachuu*  
**iyyaafachuu** *iv* ask or inquire sb about; inquire into or investigate  
*sangaa isa duraa bade iyyaafatee dhufe* He returned after asking sb about his lost ox.  
**iyyaafacha** *n* inquiry  
**iyyaafachiisuu** *tv* cause to inquire or investigate  
*nama achi dhaqu naa iyyaafachiisi* Make sb who goes there inquire about it for me.  
**iyyaafama** Same as *iyyaafacha* under *iyyaafachuu*

**iyyaafannaa** Same as *iyyaafacha* under *iyyaafachuu*  
**iyyaafannoo** Same as *iyyaafannaa*  
**iyyaalin** Same as *lakkii*  
**iyyachuu** See *iyyuu*  
**iyya indaaqqoo** See *iyyuu*  
**iyyannaa** See *iyyuu*  
**iyyannoo** Same as *iyyannaa* under *iyyuu*  
**iyyansa** Same as *iyyannaa* under *iyyuu*  
**iyyata** Same as *iyyannaa* under *iyyuu*  
**iyyeecha** Same as *iyyeessa* under *iyyoomuu*  
**iyyeechuu** Same as *iyyoomsuu* under *iyyoomuu*  
**iyyeessa** See *iyyoomuu*  
**iyyeessuu** Same as *iyyoomsuu* under *iyyoomuu*  
**iyyeettii** See *iyyoomuu*  
**iyyisiisuu** See *iyyuu*  
**iyyoo** Same as *hi'iyoo*  
**iyyookoo** *n* men's dance/song, usu danced/sang on *masqal* day  
**iyyoomsuu** See *iyyoomuu*  
**iyyoomuu** *iv* be/become destitute, impecunious, indigent, needy, or poor *eega sangooti isaa duraa dhumanii asi iyyoomeera* Ever since his oxen died off, he has become poor. **iyyeessa** *adj* (of male humans) destitute, indigent, needy, poor, or poverty-stricken *iyyeessa dura qalpii ajjeesa* (saying) Before making a man poor, God kills his mind first or makes him dumb. **iyyeettii** *adj* (of persons) destitute, indigent, needy, or

poor **iyyoomsuu** *tv* cause to be poor *qaraxa jedhanii waan ani qabu hunda narraa fudhatanii na iyyomsan* In the name of tax, they took everything I had and made me poor. **iyyuma** *n* destitution, indigence, or poverty *ojjannu malee iyyuma keessa bawuu hin dandeenyu* Unless we work, there is no way out of poverty for us.

**iyyuma** See *iyyoomuu*

**iyyuu** *iv* **1** cry for help, with fright, with pain, with emotion, etc. *mana isaatti abiddi qabannaan iyye* He cried for help because his house caught fire. **2** shout, or yell, i.e., speak or say sth in a loud voice *natti hin iyyin* Don't shout/yell at me. *iyyaniif duudaa gurri hin dhagawu* (saying) Shouting does not make a deaf person hear. **3** (of a cock or crow) crow; caw, or squawk *kormaan indaaqqoo ganama shuubi iyya* A cock crows early in the morning. *arraagessii gaaf hundumaa in/ni iyya* Crows caw all the time. **4** (of the ears) buzz *gurratu natti iyya*. My ears buzz. **iyya** *n* hue and cry; shouting; yelling **iyyachuu** *iv* plead, i.e., argue a cause before a court (in writing or in person) for self **iyya indaaqqoo** *n* sunrise or cockcrow, i.e., early dawn *iyya indaaqqoo manaa baye* He left home at cockcrow. **iyyannaa** *n* **1** pleading, i.e., arguing a cause before a court **2** pleading, i.e., written statement that sets forth

the defense of a case **iiyisiisuu** *tv* 1 cause to cry or shout *eda niitii isaa iiyisiise* He made his wife yell (e.g. by beating her up) 2 make loud; blare *raadiyoonii natti hin iiyisiisin* Don't play the radio so loud.

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**ja'a** Same as *jaya*

**jaafoo** *adj* huge, i.e., as huge as a trunk of a tree with many boughs

**jaagamaa** *adj* (used of a man) stout

**jaagee** *n* dwarf

**jaa'ii** *n* earthen plate or pot used for processing butter

**jaala** See *jaal'achuu*

**jaal'achiisuu** See *jaal'achuu*

**jaal'achuu** *tv* 1 love, i.e., have strong affection for *biyyaa isaas saba isaas ni/in jaal'ata* He loves his people and his country. *dhirsa isee baay'ee jaal'atti* She loves her husband very much. 2 like, i.e., be fond of/have a taste for *buna jaal'ata* He likes coffee *ani nama sobu hin jaal'u* I don't like a liar. *akka jaal'atanitti ha qotanu* Let them plow it as they wish. *amma jaal'ate ha nyaatu* Let him eat as much as he wants to. **jaala** *n*

friend; bestman. **jaal'achiisuu** *tv* cause to love or like *maaltu akkana buna isa jaal'achiisa laata?* What is it that makes him like coffee so much? **jaalala** *n* 1 fondness, liking, or love *ani jaalala dhugaatii hin qabu* I have no liking for drinks. 2 volition *jaalala isaatiin ojgate malee namni isa giddisiise hin jiru* He did it of his own volition; nobody forced him. **jaalala daljeessaa** *n* false/insincere love; not genuine love *jaalalli kee akka jaalala daljeessaatti: awuu aduu, duddaatti baatti; awuu fixeensaa, garaatti baatti* Your love for (me) is like that of a baboon's love for her baby: Out of self-interest, a baboon carries her baby on her back when the sun is hot and carries it on her belly when there is dew. **jaalallee** *adj, n* lover/sweetheart *intalli sun jaalallee obboleessa kootiiti* That girl is my brother's sweetheart. **jaalalloo** *adj, n* lover, usu refers to an amorist **jaal'atamuu** *tv* (passive) be loved, liked, or preferred *bunni keenya baay'ee jaal'atme* Our coffee was preferred much **jaal'ee** *n* comrade, usu a title prefixed to a man's or a woman's name; dear *jaal'ee Tulluu* Dear/Comrade Tulluu **jaallee** *adj* friend, usu friendship between persons who are members of the same political party **jaaloo** *n* 1 a term used to address or refer to a man

one loves dearly **2** bestman; see also *jaala* above

**jaalala** See *jaal'achuu*

**jaalala jaldeessaa** Same as *jaalala daljeessaa* under *jaal'achuu*

**jaalallee** See *jaal'achuu*

**jaalalloo** See *jaal'achuu*

**jaal'atmuu** See *jaal'achuu*

**jaal'ee** See *jaal'achuu*

**jaallachuu** Same as *jaal'achuu*

**jaallee** See *jaal'achuu*

**jaaloo<sup>1</sup>** See *jaal'achuu*

**jaaloo<sup>2</sup>** Same as *okkotee* (1)

**jaamaa<sup>1</sup>** *n* red (or dark brown) fierce ant. They always move in a large group, one behind the other in a line, bite animals, people, etc. and create a commotion, usu at night; see also *goondaa*

**jaamaa<sup>2</sup>** See *jaamuu*

**jaamsuu** See *jaamuu*

**jaamuu** *iv* **1** be blind or be sightless *iji isaa jaameera* He has become blind. **2** be dull, i.e., dullness of cutting instruments such as sickles, saws, knives, etc. *haamtuun koo jaameera* My sickle has become dull. **3** (of a cow's teats) be blocked, clogged, closed, or be obstructed permanently *muchi sa'a kootii inni tokoo jaameera* One of the teats of my cow is closed **jaamaa** *adj* blind; sightless *jaamaan ojatee jiraachuu ni danda'a* A blind person can work and make a living. **jaamsuu** *tv* blind, put sb's eyes out *kaballaa dhaan ija isaa jaamse* He made him blind with a

slap. *ibsaan makiina na jaamsee oole* A car's head lights almost blinded me.

**jaanja'uu** Same as *joonja'uu*

**jaanjessuu** Same as *joonjessuu* under *joonja'uu*

**jaanjoo** *adj*, *n* **1** Same as *joonja'aa* under *joonja'uu* **2** sheep disease that makes them confused

**jaanoo** *n* **1** red piece of cloth **2** red design, fringe, or ornament around home-made dresses, loose garments, etc.

**jaaraa** *adj* big, huge *muka jaaraa* a big tree

**jaarii** *n* deity, god, or goddess usu thanked/worshipped just before fresh corn (from crop) is eaten

**jaarmayaa** See *jaaruu<sup>2</sup>* (2)

**jaarmiyaa** Same as *jaarmayaa* under *jaaruu<sup>2</sup>*

**jaarraa** *n* **1** according to *gadaa* calendar, one *jaarraa isa* a period of forty years **2** according to modern/current usage, *jaarraa* is a century, i.e., a period of one hundred years

**jaarsa** See *jaarsomuu*

**jaarsa bule** See *jaarsomuu*

**jaarsa waa'ila** See *jaarsomuu*

**jaarsolii** *n* common pl form of *jaarsa*

**jaarsomuu** *iv* (applies to male humans) become old *abbaan koo jaarsa, garuu jaarsomee of hin daxxabne* My father is old, but he has not become too old to take care of himself. **jaarsa** *adj*, *n* (male humans) **1** old *jaarsatti eerumte* She married an old man.

2 arbitrator, conciliator, or mediator; peacemaker or judge  
*dubbii keessan jaarsi isinii ha ilaalu*

Let arbitrators settle your dispute. 3 respectable old man  
*isaan jaarsa biyyaati* He is a respectable old man in/ of the community. 4 husband, i.e., the old man *jaarsa qabdii*? Does she have a husband? **jaarsa bule** *n* a very old man; a mature, knowledgeable, and an experienced man **jaarsa waa'ilaa** *n* a man, usu an old man, who requests a family to marry off their daughter to a young man he represents (in the absence of the young man's father) **jaarsoo** *adj* (of persons) old **jaarsummaa** *n* arbitration, conciliation, or mediation *dubbiin keessan jaarsummaa dhaan isinii ha dhumu* Your dispute should be settled by arbitration **jaartii** *n* (of female humans) old *isaan jaartii dha; humna hin qabanu* She is old; she has no strength. 2 wife, i.e., the old woman *jaartii meeqa qaba?* How many wives does he have? 3 respectable or respected old woman *isaan jaartii biyyaati* She is a respected, old woman in the community. **jaaruu** *iv* 1 be senile 2 die

**jaarsoo** See *jaarsomuu*

**jaarsummaa** See *jaarsomuu*

**jaartii** See *jaarsomuu*

**jaaruu**<sup>1</sup> See *jaarsomuu*

**jaaruu**<sup>2</sup> *tv* 1 build; see also *ijaaruu*  
2 unite or organize people

**jaarmayaa** *n* political organization

**jaatama** See *jaya*

**jaatamii** See *jaya*

**jaatanaa'uu** Same as *jaatanaawuu*

**jaatanaawuu** *iv* be busy, be hectic, have one's hands full, usu when building a house *namichi kun mana ijaara, kanaaf jaatanaaye* This man is building a house, that's why he so busy. **jaataneessuu** *tv* cause to be busy/hectic *torban kana gaai'la intala keenyaatu hedduu nu jaataneesse* Our daughter's wedding made us very busy this week. **jaatanii** *n* busyness; hurried activity *jaataniin mana ijaarsaa baay'ee na ko'oomse* Hurried activity during house building made me busy.

**jaataneessuu** See *jaatanaawuu*

**jaatanii** See *jaatanaawuu*

**jaawwii**<sup>1</sup> *n* red cloth

**jaawwii**<sup>2</sup> Same as *alangaa roobii* under *roobii*

**jabaa**<sup>1</sup> See *jabaachuu*

**jabaa**<sup>2</sup> *adj*, *n* 1 Same as *jirma* (1) 2 big; huge

**jabaachuu** *iv* 1 be/become fastened, firm, secure, or tight *hidhaan jabaateeraa?* Is the knot tight? 2 be/become strong, usu become strong again after illness, poverty, etc. *akkami itti jira, jabaateeraa?* How is he, has he got well and strong? 3 cheer up or take comfort, usu after the death of a beloved one *hin jabaanne; ammayyuu du'a ilma isee hin irraanfanne* She has not taken

comfort; she is still sorrowing over her son's death. **4** be acute, critical, or serious, usu of disease or court case *dhukkubi isaa itti jabaateera* His disease has become critical. **5** (used of meat) be tough, i.e., be hard to cut or chew *foon kun ilkaan kootti jabaate* This meat is tough for my teeth. **jabaa** *adj* (of male humans, things, or animals) **1** strong *nama/ulee/sangaa jabaa* a strong man/ stick/ ox **2** firm or tight *hidhaa jabaa* a tight knot **3** acute, critical, or serious *dubbii jabaa* a serious case **4** (takes *buna*) an expression a female uses to invite a head of a family or an elderly person to say a grace before coffee is poured and distributed *buna jabaa* Say a grace, please; coffee is ready. See also *jabeessuu* (**4**) below **jabaadhaa** (vocative; address only) [an expression used with 2<sup>nd</sup> person, pl or hon] be strong, i.e., encouragement used with sb who begins to show signs of despair, exhaustion, faltering, etc. while doing sth *jabaadhaa ijoollee galleerraa* Come on boys, be strong and walk faster; we are about to reach home. **jabaadhu** Same as *jabaadhaa* except that this one is applicable to 2<sup>nd</sup> person, singular **jabduu** *adj* (of persons or animals) **1** strong physically and mentally *niitii jabduu qaba* He has a strong wife. **2** feats of courage or valor *lafa*

*lolaatti jabduu ojatee deebi'e* He performed feats of valor at the battle field and returned.

**jabeenya** *n* strength *gurbaan kun jabeenya hin qabdu; hin sodaatin* This boy has no strength; don't be afraid of him. **jabeessuu** *tv* cause to be tight or firm *jabeessi hidhi* Tie it firmly. **2** comfort, condole, or console (with) sb on sth *ilmi isee duraa du'eeraa dhaqaa isee jabeessaa* Her son has expired, so go and console her. **3** make a trivial matter appear serious *dubbii xinnoo jabeessuu jaal'atu* They like to make a trivial matter appear serious, i.e., make a mountain out of a mole-hill **4** *iv* (takes *buna*) say grace before drinking coffee *abbaa Gamtaa buna jabeessaa* Gamtaa's father, say grace before I pour coffee and distribute it. *eenyutu buna nuu jabeessa?* Who is going to say grace for us before we drink this coffee? **jajjabaachuu** *tv* be comforted, consoled, or condoled *jajjabaatteettii* Is she comforted and become strong (after her grief)?

**jabaadhaa** See *jabaachuu*

**jabaadhuu** See *jabaachuu*

**jabala** *n* boat; ship; see also *doonii* and *yabala*

**jabaloo** Same as *jabala*

**jabana** *adv* during, in the time of sb/ sth, i.e., a period of time, usu associated with certain events or famous persons *jabana miniliki qawwee dhaan nu waraanu sana*

*nuyi eeboo dhaan lolla turre* We were using spears during the war with Miniliki who used guns against us. See also *bara jabanaa* *n* jug or coffee pot  
**jabbi** *n* calf, i.e., young of a cow; see also *waatii*  
**jabbilee** *n* (pl) calves of cows  
**jabduu** See *jabaachuu*  
**jabeenya** See *jabaachuu*  
**jabeessuu** See *jabaachuu*  
**jabina** Same as *jabeenya* under *jabaachuu*  
**jaboo**<sup>1</sup> Same as *jabaa* under *jabaachuu* \*  
**jaboo**<sup>2</sup> *adv* extremely; exceedingly; very *jaboon gammade* I was extremely happy.  
**jabummaa** Same as *jabeenya* under *jabaachuu*  
**jacha** Same as *jecha* under *jechuu*  
**jafajjafuu** *tv* cut down trees indiscriminately  
**jagna** See *jagnoomuu*  
**jagnoomsuu** See *jagnoomuu*  
**jagnoomuu** *tv* be/become bold, brave, courageous, daring, intrepid, or valiant *ilmi koo naa jagnoomeera* My son has become brave. **jagna** *adj* bold, brave, courageous, daring, intrepid, or valiant *inni jagna humaa hin sodaatu* He is courageous; he is not afraid of anything.  
**jagnoomsuu** *tv* cause to be brave, *usu* through training *saree isaati soonsa laateefii jagnoomse* He made his dog brave and vicious by feeding him wasp (belief).  
**jagnummaa** *n* bravery

**jaha** Same as *jaya*  
**jahaannama** *n* hell  
**jahaatam** Same as *jaatama*  
**jahatanii** Same as *jaatanii* under *jaatanaawuu*  
**jahii**<sup>1</sup> *n* small earthen pot/container for butter  
**jahii**<sup>2</sup> *n* constellation, i.e., a group of six stars seen in the sky at night  
**jajachuu** See *jajuu*  
**jajamuu** See *jajuu*  
**jajii** See *jaji'uu*  
**jaji'uu** *tv* jerk, i.e., cut meat into a zigzag, chain'like strip and smoke it or hang it on a spit and roast it *foon jajiitee qoonxaa gogsite* She jerked meat and smoked it.  
**jajii** *n, adj* (of meat) cured or jerked; charqui or jerky, i.e., jerked meat  
**jajjaba** *n* 1 tall grass that *usu* grows on a bank of a river 2 log that is used for burning in a fire place  
**jajjabeessuu** See *jabaachuu*  
**jajjuu** Same as *urunguu*  
**jajuu** *tv* admire, compliment, extol, laud, or praise *ofi hin jajin* Don't be conceited, i.e., by singing your own praises. *abbaan keenya na jajnaan obboleessi koo inaafe* My brother became jealous because our father praised me.  
**jajachuu** *tv* praise for self  
**jajamuu** *tv* (passive) be praised  
**jala** Same as *jela*  
**jalaa** Same as *jelaa*  
**jal'aa** See *jal'achuu*



**jal'achuu** *iv* become

bent/crooked; warp *karaan kun ni/in jal'ate* This road has become crooked. *xaawulaan ni/in jal'ate*

The board has warped. **jal'aa** *adj*, *n* **1** crooked *muka jal'aa* a crooked tree *nama jal'aa* a crooked person

**2** (vulgar) penis **jal'ina** *n* crookedness *muki kun jal'ina isaa malee cimaa dha* Except for its being crooked, this wood is strong. **jal'isii** *n* irrigation *boqqolloon kun jal'isii dhaan qotame*

This corn is grown on an irrigated plot of land **jal'isiisuu** *tv* cause to be crooked or cause to divert stream **jal'isuu** *tv* **1**

make crooked *ulee kee maaliif jal'ifte?* Why did you make your stick crooked? **2** distort, i.e., twist out of the truth *dubbii namaa jal'ifti* She distorts people's statements **3** divert stream so that it flows to a plot of land put aside for irrigation

**jalaluu** *iv* fruit or pod up

**jala qaba** Same as *jalqaba* under *jalqabuu*

**jala qabuu** Same as *jalqabuu*

**jaldaaba** Same as *jalqaba*<sup>2</sup>

**jaldeessa** Same as *daljeessa*

**jaldeysa** Same as *daljeessa*

**jaldoo** Same as *daljeessa*

**jalduu** Same as *daljeessa*

**jalee** *n* **1** Same as *lafoo* **2** a person who is servile, submissive, or subservient

**jal'ina** See *jal'achuu*

**jal'isii** See *jal'achuu*

**jal'isiisuu** See *jal'achuu*

**jal'isuu** See *jal'achuu*

**jalittii** *n* a stand or base for putting jars, coffee pots, etc. on

**jaljeessa** Same as *daljeessa*

**jaljuu** Same as *daljuu*

**jal kufa** Same as *jalee* (2)

**jallaa** Same as *jal'aa* under *jal'achuu*

**jallaaba** *n* **1** anvil; see also *jela dhaaba* under *jela* **2** a cattle stall in a market place

**jallaabiyaa** Same as *marxoo* under *marxifachuu*

**jallaama'uu** *iv* be crooked or evil

**jallachuu** Same as *jal'achuu*

**jallina** Same as *jal'ina* under *jal'achuu*

**jallisii** Same as *jal'isii* under *jal'achuu*

**jallisiisuu** Same as *jal'isiisuu* under *jal'achuu*

**jallisuu** Same as *jal'isuu* under *jal'achuu*

**jalloo** Same as *jal'aa* (1) under *jal'achuu*

**jalma** *n* tendency

**jal'oo** Same as *jal'aa* (1) under *jal'achuu*

**jalqaba**<sup>1</sup> See *jalqabuu*

**jalqaba**<sup>2</sup> *n* flat, large basket, usu used for winnowing grain

**jalqabamuu** See *jalqabuu*

**jalqabsiisuu** See *jalqabuu*

**jalqabuu** *tv* begin, resume, or

start *eega Afaan Oromoo baruu*

*jalqabee tureera* It has been a long time since he began to learn the Oromo language. **jalqaba** *n* beginning or inception, i.e., sth begun but left unfinished *manni*

*koo jalqabaan hafe* The construction of my house was left unfished. **jalqabamuu** *tv* (passive) be started **jalqabsiisuu** *tv* cause to begin; resume or start *ojii na jalqabsiifte ofi iseetti badde* After making me begin the work, she herself disappeared.

**jal tusuu** *iv* (usu applies to children) inetrrupt adults' conversation by interjecting a remark *jaarsoolii jaltusuun gaarii miti* It's not good to interject a remark while elders talk.

**jamaa** (vocative) people *kottaa bofa kana ilaala yaa jamaa* Come and look at this snake, people!

**jamalii** *n* tobacco sniffed by women

**jamamii** See *jamamuu*

**jamamuu** *tv* stack grain such as chick-peas or wheat before it is threshed *qamadii jamamtee?* Have you stacked the wheat? **jamamii** *n* grain stack

**jamaree** *adj, n 1* grass with red, bead-like fruit; flower **2** beads **3** beautiful

**jammuraa** *n* nape; see also *qolee*

**jamura** *n* hair style in which the hair is trimmed or shaved around the border

**janfala**<sup>1</sup> Same as *duuddoo*

**janfala**<sup>2</sup> *adj* (of a person) naïve

**jangaaja** *n* poor quality sorghum

**jangula** Same as *waraabessa*

**janna** Same as *jagna* under *jagnoomuu*

**jannata** *n* paradise; heaven

**jannatoo** *n 1* bead **2** Same as *iboora*

**jannoomuu** Same as *jagnoomuu*

**jara** Same as *jera*

**jaraa** Same as *jeraa*

**jarana** Same as *jerana*

**jaratee** *n* metal griddle; see *eelee* for earthen griddle

**jaree** Same as *jera*

**jargii** *n 1* normal price *namichi jargii natti gurgure malee gatii nan (na hin) nyaanne*. The man sold me the commodity at a normal, market price; he didn't overcharge me. **2** truth *jargii dubbatti* She speaks the truth.

**jarjaraa** See *jerjeruu*

**jawwee** *n* boa, constrictor, or python

**jawwisaa** *adj 1* (of male humans) lanky **2** idle man (usu well dressed) who fools about places instead of working

**jaya** (number) six (6) *kun ja'a moo sagal?* Is this 6 or 9? *sangaa jaya qaba* He has six oxen. **jayaan** for six birri *jayaan bite* He bought it for six birri. **jayaffaa** (ordinal number) sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) *jayaffaa baate* She became sixth. **jayan** *prep* (usu takes *tokko*) about six birri *jayan tokko naa liqeessi* Lend me about six birri. *nama jayan tokko duwwaatu dhufe* Only about six people showed up. **jaatama** *adj, n* sixty (60) *waggaa jaatamatti du'e* He died at the age of sixty. *oolaa kootii birri jaatama naa kennan* They offered me sixty birr for my sheep. **jaatamii** *n* number used when counting from sixty-one to sixty nine *jaatamii tokko,*

*jaatamii lama, jaatamii sadii, ...*  
*jaatamii sagal* sixty one, sixty two,  
 sixty three...sixty nine  
**jayaan** See *jaya*  
**jayaffaa** See *jaya*  
**jayan** See *jaya*  
**jayii** *adj* sheep with white spots  
 on head, legs, and tail  
**jecha** See *jechuu*<sup>1</sup>  
**jechisiisuu** See *jechuu*<sup>1</sup>  
**jechuu**<sup>1</sup> *iv, tv* **1** say *maal jedhe/jette?*  
 What did he/she say? *kan*  
*dandeessu dhaani jennaan gowwaan*  
*galee niitii dhaane* (saying) When  
 told to beat up whoever he can  
 beat, a fool started to beat up his  
 own wife. **2** (used in the same  
 form only) mean, i.e., have in  
 mind *maal jechuu iseeti/isaati*  
*/isaaniiti* What did she/he/they  
 mean? *ani akkasi jechuu koo miti* I  
 don't/  
 didn't mean that. **3** do sth for the  
 sake of *anaa jettee sobde* She/You  
 lied for my sake. *obboleessa isaatii*  
*jedhee hidhaa gale* He went to  
 prison for the sake of his  
 brother. **4** (takes *humaa + hin +*  
*jechuu*) [negative use only] do  
 (for); be good enough for a  
 purpose *humaa hin jedhuu naa*  
*kenni* That will do; give it to me.  
*ani humaa hin jenne* I didn't say  
 any thing. **jecha n 1** meaning  
*jechi isaa naan (naa hin) galle* I  
 didn't get his meaning. **2** for the  
 sake of saying; for example  
*jechaafan buli jedheen malee akka*  
*inni hin bullee beekeera* Though I  
 knew that he would not stay

overnight with me, I asked him  
 to do so just for the sake of  
 saying it. **3** (neologism) sentence  
**jechisiisuu** *tv* cause to say  
*gooftaa koo na jechisiise* He made  
 me say "my master".

**jechuu**<sup>2</sup> *iv* make way for; move  
 aside; turn away/turn this way  
*harree dhaaf karaa arraa jette* She  
 made way for the donkey *na*  
*duraa/jelaa jedhi* Make way for  
 me. *miilla koo arraa jedhi* Take  
 your foot off my foot. *achi jedhaa*  
*Turn that way. asi jedhi*  
*Move/Turn this way. achi jettee*  
*rafte* She turned away and slept.  
 See also *jedhuu*<sup>1</sup>

**jedala** Same as *wangoo*

**jedhuu**<sup>1</sup> *tv 1* say *ani humaa hin*  
*jenne* I didn't say anything. **2**  
 mean *maal jedhuu isaati?* What  
 does he mean? **3** do sth for the  
 sake of sb/sth *biyya abbaa isaatii*  
*jedhee du'e* He died for the sake  
 of his Father Land. **4** call or  
 name *nuyi Gammachuu jennaan*  
 We call him Gammachuu.  
**jedhamuu** *tv* (passive) be called  
 or be named *kun beekumsa moo*  
*wal'aalina jedhama?* What is this  
 called: knowledge or ignorance?  
*Caaltuu jedhamti* She is called  
*Caaltuu dubbin kun maal jedhama?*  
 How should this question be  
 looked at? See also *jechuu*<sup>1</sup>

**jedhuu**<sup>2</sup> Same as *jechuu*<sup>2</sup>

**jeedala** Same as *wangoo*

**jeedaloo** Same as *wangoo*

**jeeja'uu** *iv 1* experience /know  
 famine; be famine-stricken *biyyi*

*keenya jeeja'ee hin/im/in beekuu*  
 Our village has never known/  
 xperienced/famine or hunger. **2**  
 be greedy/gluttonous (for food)  
*maaliif akkana jeejofta?* Why are  
 you so greedy? **jeeje n** famine,  
 hunger, or starvation *yoo*  
*jabaannee ojjanne jeejeen biyya*  
*keenya hin galu* If we work hard,  
 our country will not experience  
 famine. **jeejessuu tv** cause to be  
 hungry; starve; cause to be  
 greedy *maaltu akkan isa jeejessa?*  
 What is it that makes him so  
 greedy/hungry?

**jeejee** See *jeeja'uu*

**jeejessuu** See *jeeja'uu*

**jeekkara** Same as *yeekkara* See  
*yeekkaruu*

**jeekkarsiisuu** Same as  
*yeekkarsiisuu* under *yeekkaruu*

**jeekkaruu** Same as *yeekkaruu*

**jeenje** Same as *jeejee* under  
*jeeja'uu*

**jeeqaa** *adj* (of male humans)  
 carefree, i.e., free from worry  
 because of wealth; footloose

**jeeqamuu** See *jeequu*

**jeequu tv** cause violence; criticize  
**jeeqamuu tv** (passive) be  
 criticized; be in turmoil; be a  
 victim of violence

**jejjuu** Same as *urunguu*

**jela prep** under, i.e., in a lower  
 place than; beneath the surface  
 of *siree jela jira* It is under the  
 bed. **jela baduu iv** disappear  
 together *jabbiin koo sa'a jela badde*  
 My calf disappeared with the  
 cow. **jela bawuu iv 1** survive;

escape **2** achieve one's goal,  
 complete, or finish, i.e., undergo  
 or pass through *barumsa isaa jela*  
*bayeera* He has completed his  
 studies. **jela bu'uu iv** go together  
*ilmi koo abbaa isaa jela bu'ee gabaa*  
*dhaqe* My son went to the market  
 with his father. **jela bultii n**  
 overnight dance, i.e., a dance  
 that lasts all night, *usu* when  
 there is wedding **jela buluu tv**  
 (applies to a man) **1** sleep with a  
 woman for amorous reason **2**  
**jela butuu iv** be late; pass due  
 date *yaro jela butee dhufe* He came  
 late. *obboleettin koo yaro hedduu*  
*jela buttee deesse* My sister gave  
 birth long after her due date.  
**jela buufachuu tv** (applies to a  
 woman) eat alone secretly before  
 members of a family assemble  
 for regular meal time *jela*  
*buufattuun adaanettii nama gooti*  
 (saying) A woman who eats  
 secretly makes others look  
 gluttonous. See also *mooqqachuu*  
 under *mooquu* **jela buufattuu adj**  
 of a woman who eats secretly  
**jela dhaaba n** anvil **jala gawuu**  
*iv* be about to (ripe, etc.)  
*boqqolloon bilchina jela gayeera*  
 The corn is about to ripe. **jela**  
**keewwachuu tv** assign a secret  
 agent **jela ooluu iv** be defeated,  
*usu* relent deliberately **jela rafuu**  
 Same as *jela buluu* **jela seenuu**  
 Same as *koolu galuu* **jela taa'uu iv**  
 (applies to wife or husband) be  
 patient and live with in spite of  
 strained relations *ijoollee kootii*

*jedheen isa jela taa'a malee jaal'adhe*  
*miti* I'm not living with him out  
 of love; I'm living with him for  
 the sake of my children.

**jelaa prep 1** away from (under sth)  
*muka kana jelaa ka'i* Do not sit  
 under this tree (lit get up and go  
 away from under this tree). **2**  
 from under one's control or  
 possession *sangaatu na jelaa bade*  
 An ox disappeared (from under  
 my tending or watching). *saree*  
*isaa jelaa ajjeesan* They killed his  
 dog (from under his care). *birri*  
*kudhan na jelaa hatan* They stole  
 ten birri from me. **jalaa baatee n**  
 (usu clothes) secondhand; used  
 clothes *jelaa baatee obboleessa isaa*  
*uffata* He wears secondhand  
 clothes that had been once worn  
 by his brother. **jalaa bawuu tv 1**  
 leave, usu one's husband for  
 good *niitiin isaa jelaa baateetti* His  
 wife has left him. **2** escape *fiigeen*  
*jelaa baye* I ran and escaped. **jelaa**  
**ceyaa n** the best part or cream of  
 beer *jelaa ceyaa burcuqqoo tokko*  
*naa kennite* She gave me a glass  
 of excellent quality beer. **jalaa**  
**diduu iv** refuse to answer, i.e.,  
 say "yes" when one's name is  
 called *isa waamnaana na jelaa dide*  
 He refused to answer when I  
 called him. **jelaa qabuu iv**  
 answer, i.e., say "yes" when  
 called *ani isee waamnaana na jelaa*  
*qabdee dhufte* She said "yes" and  
 came when I called her.

**jellii n** underside/bottom-

*side bofti kun jelli isaa adii dha*  
 The underside of this snake is  
 white.

**jennata** Same as *jannata*

**jera pron 1** them *jera barbaada* He is  
 looking for them. *jera waami* Call  
 them *maal jera godha?* What harm  
 can he do to them? **2** people *jera*  
*keeniyatti nagaa naa himi* Convey  
 my greetings to our people  
 (relatives). **jera kaan pron** the  
 others *pron sangaa isa kana*  
*duwaa argine; jera kaan hin*  
*dhabne* We found only this ox;  
 we could not find the others.  
**jerana pron** (vocative) you (pl)  
*jerana maal taatani?* What is the  
 matter with you, people? **jerri**  
*pron* they (subject form) *jerri bor*  
*dhufu* They will come tomorrow  
**jeraa pron** (to, for) them *jeraaf*  
*kenni* Give it to them. *jeraa jedhee*  
*du'e* He died for them.

**jerana** See *jera*

**jerjeraa** See *jerjeruu*

**jerjersuu** See *jerjeruu*

**jerjertuu** See *jerjeruu*

**jerjeruu iv** be in a hurry; hurry,  
 hasten *ni/in qaqqabdaa hin jerjerin*  
 Don't hurry; you will make it,  
 i.e., you have time. **jerjeraa adj**  
 (usu of male humans) hasty  
*gurbaan kun jerjeraa dha* This boy  
 is hasty. **jerjersuu n** haste; hurry  
*jerjersuu dhaan na bira darbe* He  
 walked right past me in a hurry.  
**jerjersuu tv** hurry, i.e., cause to  
 move, act, etc., quickly *suuta ha*  
*nyaatu; hin jerjersin* Let him take  
 his time and eat; don't hurry

him. **jerjertuu** *adj* (of persons) hasty  
**jette jettee** *n* hearsay, i.e., things that are said but not proved *jette jetteen garbuu fi farda walitti naqa* (saying) Hearsay can pit a horse against his barley (fodder).  
**jeyna** Same as *jagna* under *jagnoomuu*  
**ji'a n 1** moon *eda ji'i him baane* The moon did not appear last night. 2 moon light *ji'a keessa teenyee buna dhugne* We sat in the moon light and drank coffee. 3 month *ji'a tokko booda fuudha* He will get married after a month. **ji'a ji'aan** *adv* monthly; every month *ji'a ji'aan wal agarra* We see each other every month. **ji'a darbe** *adv* last month *ji'a darbe eerumte* She got married last month **ji'a dhufu** *adv* next month *ji'a dhufu wal geenya* We will meet next month. *ji'a har'aa* a month from today *ji'a kaleessaa* a month from yesterday *ji'a borii* a month from tomorrow *ji'a iftaanii* a month from the day after tomorrow  
**ji'a ji'aan** See *ji'a*  
**jibaati** *n* thick forest  
**jibba** See *jibbuu*  
**jibbaa n 1** Same as *jibba 2* a straw carpet 3 a ritual a woman performs (or makes sb perform on her behalf) to make a man who loves her (but she loathes!) leave her alone *eega jibbaa itti gootee booda isee dhiise* He left her after she performed, "Please God, make him hate me" ritual.

**jibbamu** See *jibbuu*  
**jibbina** See *jibbuu*  
**jibbisiiftuu** See *jibbuu*  
**jibbisiisaa** See *jibbuu*  
**jibbisiistuu** Same as *jibbisiiftuu* under *jibbuu*  
**jibbisiisuu** See *jibbuu*  
**jibbuu** *tv* abhor, abominate, detest, dislike, hate, or loathe *si jibbiteetti* She has hated you. *anis isee jibbeera* I have hated her, too. **jibba** *n* hatred *ija jibbaatiin na ilaala* He looks at me with hatred (on his eyes). **jibbamu** *tv* (passive) be hated *inni iddoo kanatti jibbameera* He is hated here. **jibbina** *n* hatred *gorsaa fi malee jibbinaaf isa hin rukunne* I didn't punish him out of hatred; the light punishment I inflicted on him was only meant to be corrective. **jibbisiiftuu** *adj* (of a person) unpleasant, disgusting, or nauseating *niitii jibbisiiftuu* a disgusting woman *namicha jibbisiiftuu* a disgusting man **jibbisiisaa** *adj* (of male animals, humans; things) unpleasant to look at; disgusting or nauseating **jibbisiisuu** *tv* cause to loathe or nauseate, *usu* cause to hate food/drink as a result of illness *dhukkubi isaa mindhaan isa jibbisiise* His illness made him loathe food.  
**jibicha** Same as *dibicha*  
**jiboota** *n* collective name for bovine or cattle  
**jibrii** Same as *jirbii*

**jibrii bukkee** *n* raw cotton, i.e., before it's spun  
**jidduu** Same as *gidduu*  
**jifaar** *n* 1 heavy cotton blanket; robe 2 ornament such as necklaces, rings, etc.  
**jifaara** Same as *jifaar*  
**jifaaree** *n* corn-like growth on the foot with abscess; gathering, festering, or purulence  
**jifachiisuu** See *jifachuu*  
**jifachuu** *tv* 1 butt, i.e., strike or push with the head as animals such as sheep, goats, cattle do when they fight each other or when they attack a person; gore *korbeessi hoolaa yoo gadi ciisani nama hin jifatu* A ram will not butt a person if he/she lies down. 2 defeat, triumph, or win *diina keenya ni/in jifanna* We will defeat our enemy. 3 be angry with sb; scowl at or frown angrily at sb; turn up one's nose at **jifachiisuu** *tv* cause to butt/defeat/scowl **jifannaa** *n* 1 butting 2 victory 3 frowning or scowling at **jifatamuu** *tv* (passive) be butted, defeated, or be frowned at  
**jifannaa** See *jifachuu*  
**jifatamuu** See *jifachuu*  
**jifa'uu** Same as *jifachuu*  
**jiffuu** Same as *jinfuu*  
**jifuu**<sup>1</sup> Same as *jifannaa* (1) under *jifachuu*  
**jifuu**<sup>2</sup> Same as *jinfuu*  
**jifuu**<sup>3</sup> *n* convention, culture, custom, or tradition *jaarsaa fi*

*jaartii kabajuun jifuu keenya* It is our tradition to respect elders.  
**jigee** Same as *jigii*  
**jigfachuu** See *jiguu*  
**jigii** *n* voluntary, cooperative work done usu by members of a community with the aim of helping a bereaved husband or wife *dhirsi isee duunaan jigii baanee qonneef* We, as a group, went out and plowed for the bereaved wife.  
**jigoo** *n* avalanche  
**jigsuu** See *jiguu*  
**jiguu** *iv* 1 (usu applies to buildings, crops, or trees) fall/collapse, i.e., come to the ground *eda muka baay'eetu jige* Many trees fell last night (due to wind). *manni isaa jigeera* His house has collapsed. 2 (of persons) fall down *namichi atuu adeemuu jige* The man fell down while walking. See also *kufuu* which is more common.  
**jigfachuu** *tv* (usu used of sorghum) *tv* cause to fall or lie on the ground for self *missingaa jigfateeraa?* Has he let the sorghum plant fall to the ground, i.e., to reap it? **jigsuu** *tv* cause to fall or collapse; demolish *qilleensii edaa boqqolloo koo na duraa jigse* Last night's wind made my corn plant fall. *missingaa har'a jigsina* We will harvest the sorghum crop to day, i.e., by making it fall and cutting off its head.

**jiidha** Same as *jiidhina* under *jiidhuu*  
**jiidhaa** See *jiidhuu*  
**jiidhachuu** See *jiidhuu*  
**jiidhina** See *jiidhuu*  
**jiidhuu** *iv* be/feel damp, moist, or wet *iddoon kun ni/in jiidha* This place is wet. *kittaaan koo natti jiidhe* My shirt felt wet on me.  
**jiidhaa** *adj* 1 damp, moist, or wet *wayyaa jiidhaa kana maaf ol galchite?* Why did you bring in these wet clothes? 2 (fig) [of male humans] green, gullible, inexperienced, or untrained *ilmi isaa jiidhaa tokko* His son is green.  
 3 *raw foon jiidhaa nyaachuun heexoo namatti fida* Eating raw meat makes one develop tape worms. See also *dheedhii* which is more common 4 (of male humans) generous **jiidhachuu** *iv* become/feel damp, moist, or wet *qoraan jiidhatee boba'uu dide* The firewood does not burn because it became wet. **jiidhina** *n* dampness, moisture, or wetness *jiidhina iddoo sanaa jibbinee asi dhufne* We came here because we hated the dampness of that place. **jiifachuu** *tv* moisten or wet for self *quba isaa jifatee birri lakkaawuu jalqabe* He moistened his fingers and started to count the birri.  
**jiifamuu** *tv* be moistened *gogaan goggogaan kun yoo jiifame malee hin diriiru* This dry leather has to be moistened first; otherwise, it won't stretch. **jiisuu** *tv* dampen,

moisten, or wet *carqii jiftee/jiistee uuroo ittiin ha xoofte* She moistened a piece of cloth and wiped the jar with it.  
**jiifaara** Same as *jifaar*  
**jiifachuu** See *jiidhuu*  
**jiifamuu** See *jiidhuu*  
**jiila** See *jiiluu*  
**jiilchuu** See *jiiluu*  
**jiiluu** *iv* be/become fearful and abhorrent, usu after receiving severe corporal punishment; learn one's unforgettable lesson *jiilteetti; lammata itti hin deebitu* She has learned her lesson; she won't make the same mistake again. *jiilee baye udaan uddutti hin deebi'u* (humor) Remembering how tight/difficult coming out was, excrement vows not to return into the rectum! **jiila** *n* fear and abhorrence that is the result of severe punishment *ani jiilan qaba, kanafan balleessa akkanaa arra hin deebine* I have an unforgettable fear, so I don't want to repeat the same mistake. **jiilchuu** *tv* teach sb a lesson that he/she will never forget (through severe punishment); punish sb, usu a child, in such a way that he/she will never repeat the same mischief *abbaan isaa eega rukkutta dhaan isa jiilchee asi mana barnootaatii oolee hin/im/him beeku* Sine the day his father struck him, he has never been absent from school because he [the father] taught him a lesson.



**jiisaa** *n* larva of honey bee, which some men eat along with honey before removing it from the honeycomb

**jiisamuu** Same as *jiifamuu* under *jiidhuu*

**ji'uu** Same as *jedhuu*

**jiisuu** See *jiisuu*

**jiita'uu** Same as *jinaawuu*

**jiitoo** *adj* extremely foolish *gurbaa*  
*jiitoo* a foolish boy

**jiituu** Same as *dhaphoo*

**jija** *n* conjugal bliss/happiness *jija*  
*kee hin argin* May you not live long enough to experience conjugal bliss.

**jijim** See *jijimatee*

**jijimatee** *n* children's game played orally, usu at night, by the fireside. The game leader enumerates many different repulsive/obnoxious things like vomit, dead rat, etc., and then says, "Anybody who speaks before I give a signal, eats the things!" The game's purpose is to challenge all members involved to maintain complete silence as long as the person who starts the game wants them to be quiet. Any player who makes noise before signal is given, loses or "eats" the terrible things! **jijim** *n* a response made as soon as the word "*jijimatee*" is uttered, and it signifies acceptance of the challenge to play the game.

**jijimbila** *n* ginger, i.e., plant with hot-tasting root [zingiber

*officinale*] used as spice and sometimes as anti-acid

**jijimsaa** *adj* physically strong *inni*  
*jijimsaa dha* He is strong.

**jijjiiruu** *tv* change; exchange, usu one commodity for another  
*sangaa isaa dhaltii dhaan jijjiirrate*  
He exchanged his ox for a cow.

**jikita** *n* unfermented ale, i.e., thick mixture of little water, hops, and malt

**jikitaa** *n* 1 Same as *jikita* 2 thick meat stew

**jila** *n* 1 pilgrimage, usu a journey to Borana shrine as an act of religious devotion *jila deemu*  
They are going on a pilgrimage to Borana 2 delegation, i.e., a group of people chosen to represent a larger group

**jilba** See *jilbeenfachuu*

**jilbeenfachiisuu** See *jilbeenfachuu*

**jilbeenfachuu** *iv* kneel (down)  
*jilbeenfadhuu daaki* Kneel down and grind (the grain, etc.) **jilba** *n* knee *bishaan kun jilba gaya* This water is knee deep. *surreen koo jiba arraan baqaqe* The knees of my pair of trousers are torn.

**jilbeenfachiisuu** *tv* cause to kneel down *ijaa inni yaroo dabarsee mana barnootaa dhufeef isa jilbeenfachiisani* They made him kneel down (as punishment) because he came to school late.

**jilbifachuu** Same as *jilbeenfachuu*

**jilboo** *n* a variety of sorghum

**jilmaa** *n* wholesale *jilmaa gurgura*  
He sells sth wholesale.

**jimaa** *n* 1 green leaf used as a stimulant, chewed raw 2 plant which produces this leaf [catha edulis]; see also *caatii*

**jimaa jimiiyoo** Same as *jijimatee*

**jimaata** *n* Friday

**jimimmaa** *adj* dark-brown, usu describes sheep *oolaa jimimmaa* a dark-brown sheep

**jimjimiiyoo** Same as *jijimatee*

**Jimma** *n* capital of Jimma, western Oromiyaa

**jimmaa jimmiitoo** Same as *jijimatee*

**jimmaa jimmitoo** Same as *jijimatee*

**jimmata** Same as *jimaata*

**jimm jimmiyoo** Same as *jijimatee*

**jinaawuu** *iv* be in a bad mood, be peevish, or be irritable, usu as a result of illness, pain, etc. *mucaan koo maaliif jinaayaa* Why is my baby so peevish? **jineessuu** *tv* cause to be in a bad mood; make irritable/peevish *dhukkubatu akkana isa jineessa* It is illness that makes him so irritable.

**jineessuu** See *jinaawuu*

**jinfuu** *n* 1 a round, metal ring on the end of a long wooden shaft/pole of a spear, opposite the sharp-pointed head *eeboo darbatanii jinfuu hin qabatani* Once a man has thrown away his spear, he can't hold on to the metal ring (saying) i.e., you can't have your cake and eat it, too.

**jinii** *adj* despicable, contemptible, worthless, or small and of no account *namicha jinii kanaan*

*maaliif wal lolta?* Why do you fight/quarrel with this despicable man (why don't you ignore him since he is beneath you)?

**jinjibila** Same as *jijimbila*

**jinjimaa** Same as *bowwaa*

**jinnata** Same as *jannata*

**jinnii** *n* jinn/jinni/genie, i.e., spirit or devil believed to cause disease

**jiraa** *adj, n* 1 Same as *dheedhii* 2 poor quality local bread

**jiraachisuu** See *jiraachuu*

**jiraachuu** *iv, tv* 1 be alive; exist *jira/jirti/jiru moo du'eera/duuteetti/du'aniiru?* Is/Are he/she/they alive or dead? 2 be available

**bunni jiraa** Is coffee available? 3 be, i.e., indicating a place *eessa jirta* (sing)? *eessa jirtu* (pl)? Where are you? *eessa jira?* Where is he/it? *asi jirti/jira/jiru* She/He/It/They is/are here. 4 used to show in what state of health sb is; also used in greeting with the second person, sing/pl *Akkam jirta/jirtu?* How are you? *Akkam jirti/jira?* How is she/he/it/? *Akkam jiru?* How are they? 5 (takes *arra/irra*) indicates necessity or obligation; has/have to *abbaa keenya gargaaruutu nu irra jira* We have to help our father. *ganamaan/shuubii dhaan ka'utu isa irra jira* He has to get up early in the morning. 6 live by or make a living by *nuyi qonnaa dhaan jiraanna* We make a living by

farming. **injrree** *n* bizzare; unusual; non-existent *injrree na irra kaaye maqaa na balleesse* He said sth bizarre about me to damage my reputation.

**jiraachisuu** *tv* cause to live or exist *dhirsa kootu na jiraachisa* My husband provides for me (lit makes me exist/live) *waacaqayyoo si ha jiraachisu* May God /help you live or exist. **jiraadhaa** (pl/honorific) [vocative] Thank you **jiraadhu** (sing) [vocative] Thank you **jireenya** *n* existence /living *jireenya akkana arraa du'a wayya* Death is better than this kind of existence.

**jiraata** *n* money, food, etc., given to a bereaved family *jiraata geessitaniittuu?* Have you taken food to the bereaved family?

**jirbii** *n* cotton

**jireenya** See *jiraachuu*

**jirkaa** *n* torrential rain

**jirma** *n* 1 log, i.e., tree trunk that has fallen or has been cut down, usu used as firewood 2 big stick or club sometimes used as a weapon; see also *dullaa* 3 scepter carried/held by Abbaa Gadaa (president) as a symbol of his authority

**jirraa** *n* bet, wager *kottu jirraa* Come, let's make a bet/wager.

**jiruu** *n* business, duty, task, or work *kun jiruu koo miti*. This is not my business or duty.

**jissuu** 1 Same as *jigsuu* under *jiguu* 2 Same as *dhangalaasuu* under *dhangala'uu*

**ji'uu** Same as *jedhuu*

**jobbitoo** Same as *boojitoo*

**jobobi'aa** Same as *gaggabaa* under *gaggabuu*

**jobobi'uu** Same as *gaggabuu* (3)

**jogaasuu** *iv* walk, usu applies to the kind of walking done when people go down hill

**jogii** *n* (usu takes *butuu*) a method of helping animals cross a river by leading them *farda koo jogii buteen ceesifadhe* I helped my horse cross the river by leading him with a rope, vine, etc., tied round his neck.

**joobira** *adj*, *n* 1 marabout, stork, or vulture 2 (of male humans) lanky *namichi kun joobira* This man is lanky.

**joollee** Same as *ijoollee*

**jooniya** *n* gunny bag/ sack

**joonja'aa** See *joonja'uu*

**joonja'uu** *iv* 1 become/feel dizzy or giddy *joonja'ee kufe* He felt dizzy and fell 2 (fig) become confused *inuman joonja'ee waanan jedhun wal'aale* I was so confused that I did not know what to say.

**joonja'aa** *adj* (of male animal or human) confused. **joonjee** *adj*, *n* 1 dizziness, giddiness, or vertigo 2 innocent, usu applis to babies *mucaa joonjee dhawoo maal beeka?* He is only an innocent baby; what does he/she know?

**joonjessuu** *tv* 1 cause to be dizzy or giddy *na joonjessa* I'm feeling dizzy. 2 confused *sa'a asii fi achi ooftee hin joonjessin* Don't confuse the cattle by chasing them this

way and then that way.

**joonjoftuu** *adj* (usu of female animals or humans) confused  
*sa'i joonjoftuun kun eessa abbaa isee deemti?* Where is this confused, bastard of a cow going?

**joonjee** See *joonja'uu*

**joonjessuu** See *joonja'uu*

**joonjii** Same as *joonjee* under *joonja'uu*

**joonjoftuu** See *joonja'uu*

**joonjoo** Same as *joonjee*

**jooraa** See *jooruu*

**jooricha** See *jooruu*

**joorsuu** See *jooruu*

**joortuu** See *jooruu*

**jooruu** *iv* ramble, roam, rove, or wander *asii fi achi jooraa oola malee ojii hin ojatu* Instead of working, he wanders about aimlessly all day. **2** (of the eyes) focus selfishly on, usu food, and with facial expression that betrays the desire to have all the food for one self; gloat over (food); have eyes bigger than one's stomach *dura isa arkaa qabdu nyaadhuu fixi; iji kee hin joorin* First eat and finish what is in your hand; do not look at the food in my hand selfishly **jooraa** *n* rambler, roamer, rover, or wanderer *jooraan kun ammayyuu hin gallee?* Hasn't this wanderer returned home yet? **joricha** *n* rambling, roaming, roving, or wandering *ammayyuu joricha hin dhiifnee?* Hasn't he stopped wandering still? **joorsuu** *tv* cause to ramble, roam, rove, or

wander *sangaan koo badee na joorsaa oole* My ox disappeared, and I had to wander about all day looking for him. **joortuu** *adj, n* (usu female humans) rambler, roamer, rover, or wanderer *niitiin joortuun kun har'a ammoo eessa deemte?* And today, where has this wanderer wife of mine gone?

**jorgaa** See *jorga'uu*

**jorgaasa** Same as *jorgaa* under *jorga'uu*

**jorgaasuu** See *jorga'uu*

**jorga'uu** *iv* fall down suddenly and heavily *in/ni jorga'e/jorgaate* He/She fell down. **jorgaa** *n* sudden and clumsy fall *joorgaa sanatu dugda isaa cabse* It's that sudden and clumsy fall that broke his back. **jorgaasuu** *tv* cause to fall heavily *wal'aansoo dhaan na jorgaase* He threw me down heavily when we were wrestling, Oromo style.

**jorgee** *adj* (usu of women) tall *dubartii jorgee* a tall woman

**jorgoo** Same as *jorgee*

**jorroo** *adj, n* **1** lily **2** (usu of female humans) slender and beautiful *inni gabaabaa dha, garuu niitiin isaa jorroo dha* He is short, but his wife is tall and slender. **3** bright red *kormaa indaaqqoo jorroo bittee dhuftte* She bought a red cock and came.

**ju** an expression used to egg on a bull to mount a cow and copulate

**jum'a** Same as *jimaata*  
**junuunfii** Same as *dunuunfannaa*  
 under *dunuunfachuu*  
**jurgufee** *n* potato; see also  
*dinnicha*  
**juriri** Same as *ju*  
**jurjurree** *adj* (of persons) confused  
 or befuddled  
**juujuu** *adj* 1 expression children  
 use (in succession) when they  
 egg on fighting cattle or a  
 copulating bull

## k/K

**ka** Same as *kan*  
**kaa** (expression that follows an  
 adjective, adverb, a noun, a  
 pronoun, or a verb; usu it's used  
 when answering a question  
 emphatically) it roughly means  
 "of course"; its context is: *it's +*  
*adjective, adverb, noun, pronoun, or*  
*verb + kaa* Speaker A: *sangichi*  
*maal fakkaata?* (What does the ox  
 look like?) Speaker B: *gur'aacha*  
*kaa* (It's black, of course.) A:  
*yoom dhufu?* (When are you  
 coming?) B: *bori kaa* (It's  
 tomorrow, of course.) A: *eenyutu*  
*siti hime?* (Who told you?) B:  
*Danu dha kaa* (It's Danu, of  
 course.) A: *kan eenyuuti?* (Whose  
 is it?) B: *kan isaati kaa* (It's his, of  
 course.) A: *maal siin jette?* (What  
 did she say to you?) B: *na*  
*arrabsite kaa* (She called me  
 names, of course.) A: *arka keetiif*

*birri kudhan ni/in fudhattaa*  
 (Would you take ten birri for  
 your labor?) B: *ha ta'u kaa* (It's  
 OK, of course) A: (to sb  
 standing) B: *taa'i kaa, maaliif*  
*ijaajjita* (Sit down then, why are  
 you standing?)

**kaaba** north *kibbaa fi kaaba* south  
 and north; *kaabaa fi kibba* north  
 and south

**ka'aba** *n* young sorghum plant

**kaabbaa** *n* cape, i.e., loose  
 garment; burnoose

**kaabii** See *kaabuu*

**kaabuu** *tv* form into piles such as  
 mounds and grain stacks *reeffa*  
*awwaalanii, itti kaabanii manatti*  
*galani* They buried the corpse,  
 put soil, stone, etc. up on it, and  
 returned home. **kaabii** *n* mound;  
 grain stack; *kaabii mixii* ant-hill  
 (see also *koobii*); *kaabii Raagoo*  
 Raagoo's grave (see also  
*owwaala*); *kaabii boqqolloo* corn  
 stack (see also **tullaa** under  
*tuulu*)

**kaacha** Same as *fiigicha* under  
*figuu*

**kaachaa** *n* a small airplane

**kaachinsa** Same as *fiigicha* under  
*figuu*

**kaachisaa** See *kaachuu*

**kaachisuu** See *kaachuu*

**kaachuu** *iv* run *maaliif kaatta?*

*suuta deemi* Why are you  
 running? Go slowly. **kaachisaa**  
*adj, n* 1 driver *ani kaachiisaa*  
*tirentakuwaatirooti* I'm a truck  
 driver. 2 (usu of load of grains)  
 full load, i.e., as much as a pack

animal can carry *gatiin atarii*  
*kaachisa tokkoo meeqa* How much  
 is a full load of peas? *walakkaan/*  
*gar tokkeen kaachisaa woo?* And  
 how much is half of a full load?  
**kaachisuu** *tv* 1 chase *daljeessa*  
*midhaan keessaa kaachisi* Chase  
 the baboons from the crop. 2  
 cause to run; race sb/sth; cause a  
 horse to gallop fast *sa'a hin*  
*kaachisin* Don't race the cattle.  
*bakkee irra farda kaachise* He sat on  
 the horse and made him gallop  
 across the field. See also *fiigsisuu*  
 under *fiiguu*

**kaadduu** See *kaaduu*

**kaadhima** See *kaadhimachuu*

**kaadhimachuu** *tv* be engaged to  
*ani isee kaadhimadheera* She is  
 engaged to me (so nobody else  
 can ask her to marry him).  
**kadhima** *n* (male) fiancé;  
 (female) fiancée *inni kaadhima*  
*kooti* He is my fiancé. *iseen*  
*kaadhima kooti* She is my fiancée.

**kaadiree** *n* cadre

**kaaduu** *tv* deny *ani hin hanne*  
*jedhee kaade* He denied stealing.

**kaadduu** *n* a person who denies

**kaafuraa** *n* 1 large bead 2 beads,  
 i.e., a necklace of beads

**kaajii** Same as *kaajuu*

**kaajjii** *n* a variety of pea

**kaajuu** *n* 1 craving *kaajuu/kaajii*  
*dammaa har'an baye* My craving  
 for honey is satiated today. 2  
 strong desire, usu for sth to  
 which one is addicted or almost  
 addicted *kaajuu/kaatii timboo* desire  
 for smoking **kaajii bawuu** *tv*

quench or satisfy one's desire for  
*gaayyaa xuuxeen kaaji baye* I  
 smoked and quenched my desire  
 for tobacco. See also *araadaa,*  
*gumjaa,* and *kajeeluu*

**kaakii** *n* khaki

**kaakkisa** See *kaakkisuu*

**kaakkiftuu** See *kaakkisuu*

**kaakkistuu** Same as *kaakkiftuu*  
 under *kaakkisuu*

**kaakkisuu** *iv* (of hen) 1 cackle, i.e.,  
 before or after laying eggs  
*indaanqoon kee kaakkifteettii?* Has  
 your hen cackled? 2 (fig) laugh  
 noisily or boisterously *dhirsi isee*  
*mana hin jiru; kanaaf akkana*  
*kaakkifti* Her husband is not at  
 home; that is why she is cackling  
 (laughing) like that. **kaakkisa** *n*  
 cackling of a hen *kaakkisa*  
*baayy'ifti* Her cackling is over  
 done. **kaakkiftuu** *n* (of a hen  
 about to lay eggs) cackler *isee*  
*kaakkiftuu hin gurgurin* Don't sell  
 the cackler.

**kaalchoo**<sup>1</sup> *n* 1 slapping; kicking,  
 usu with boots (probably Italian)  
 2 injection *kalchoo lama*  
*waraannate fayye* He recovered  
 after two injections

**kaalchoo**<sup>2</sup> *n* saddle, a seat for the  
 back of a camel

**kaaloo** *n* a wedding present/gift  
 given to a bride/bridegroom  
*kaaloo dhawuu tv* give a  
 present/gift to a bridegroom  
 /a bride

**kaamaya** Same as *kaamettii*

**kaameettii** *adj* **1** (of female humans) excellent home-maker and cook **2** neat and clean

**kaan** *adj* **1** other, i.e., indicates the remaining one of two or more  
*sangaan inni kaan eessa jira?*  
Where is the other ox? **2** some  
*namooti keenya kaan qottuu dha;*  
*kaan loltuu dha* Some of our people are farmers; some are soldiers. *kaan kaan* some...others  
*namooti keenya kaan kaan ni/in du'an kaan kaan biyyaa bayani*  
Some of our people died and others fled the country.

**kaarra** *n* a narrow path between two hills/mountains

**kaarruu** *adj*, *n* a natural, wide gap between the two middle incisors of the upper teeth **2** gap-toothed  
*dubartiin kaarruun dhiira jaal'atti jedhu* They say a gap-toothed woman is sexy. *jimma roobee jimma yaayyaa// mucayyoon kaarruu bishaanii, jaarsa gachisiifte gaayyaa* It rained in Jimma, Jimma Yaayyaa// The beautiful, gap-toothed woman has made the old man throw away his smoking pipe (so beautiful that she even attracted an old man!)

**kaarruu basanqalaa** *n* unusually wide gap between the incisors

**kaasa** *n* gourd cup

**kaasaa**<sup>1</sup> *n* a kind of weed that is difficult to uproot

**kaasaa**<sup>2</sup> See **kaasuu**<sup>3</sup>

**kaasee**<sup>1</sup> Same as *ka'ee* under *ka'uu*

**kaasee**<sup>2</sup> *n* a kind of weed

**kaasuu**<sup>1</sup> See *ka'uu*

**kaasuu**<sup>2</sup> *n* (usu of firewood) armful  
*qoraan kaasuu tokko naa fidde* She brought me an armful of firewood

**kaasuu**<sup>3</sup> *iv* (usu takes *garaa*) have diarrhea  
*eda garaa na kaasaa bule* I was having diarrhea all night last night. **kaasaa** (takes *garaa*) *n* diarrhea  
*garaa kaasaan koo natti ammaate* My diarrhea has become severe.

**kaatee** Same as *kaatikaalaa*

**kaatikaalaa** *n* local liquor; see also *araqee*

**kaawata** Same as *keewata*

**kaawoo**<sup>1</sup> Same as *simboo*

**kaawoo**<sup>2</sup> Same as *rakkina* under *rakkachuu*

**kaawuu** *tv* **1** put or place sth in a specified location  
*kophee kee achi hin kaayin* Don't put your shoes there. **2** put sth aside/away/by, i.e., save for future use  
*waraqata kana achi/ol naa kaayi* Put away this document for me so that I can use it when I need it. **3** put sth/sb down  
*mucaa lafa kaayii taa'i* Put down the baby and sit. **4** (takes *itti*) help sb (usu babies, small children, the invalid) put sth on  
*mucaatti kittaa kaayi* Help the child put on the shirt. **5** put sth on sb/sth  
*hoolaatti funyoo kaayi* Tie the sheep by putting the rope around its neck. **6** add firewood to the fire  
*qoraan abiddatti kaayi* Add firewood to the fire. **kaayyaa** *n* deposit, i.e., anything deposited with sb who is trustworthy  
*kaayyaa na biraa*

*qaba* He has a deposit with me.  
**keeyachuu** *tv* 1 put or place sth in a specified location for self  
*eeboo kee achi keeyadhu* Put your spear here for yourself. 2 put sth aside/away/by for self *damma isaa hunda hin nyaanne; kaan achi keeyate* He did not eat all the honey; he put aside some of it. 3 put sb/sth down for self *ba'aa isaa lafa keeyatee ol seene* He put down his load and entered. 4 wear or put on clothes, hat, shoes, spectacles/glasses, etc. *barneexaa fi manxarxiri keeyata* He wears a hat and glasses. 5 (applies to man and woman) engage, i.e., promise or agree to marry *keeyatteetti* She is engaged. *keeyateera* He is engaged. **keeyata** *n* wedding / engagement bracelet, earring, necklace, ring, etc. given to a fiancée  
**kaawwachuu** Same as *keeyachuu*  
**kaaya** *n* custom, culture, or tradition  
**kaayachuu** Same as *keeyachuu* under *kaawwu*  
**kaayoo** Same as *kaayyoo*  
**kaayyoo** *n* 1 Same as *aadaa*<sup>1</sup> 2 aim, goal, objective, or purpose *kaayyoon waldaa haawaasaa* Oromoo New York inni tokko wal gargaarsa One of the objectives of Oromo Diaspora Association (New York) is to help one another.  
**kabaa** See *kabuu*

**kabaallaa** *n* a special saddle made for the back of a camel; see also *kaalchoo*<sup>2</sup>

**kabachiisuu** See *kabajuu*

**kabajaa** See *kabajuu*

**kabajamaa** See *kabajuu*

**kabajamtuu** See *kabajuu*

**kabajamuu** See *kabajuu*

**kabajuu** *tv* honor or respect *wal*

*kabajaa* Respect each other

**kabachiisuu** *tv* cause sb to be

respected *beekumsa isaatu isa*

*kabachiise* It is his knowledge that

brought him respect. **kabaja(a)** *n*

respect **kabajamaa** *adj* (of male

humans) respectable

**kabajamtuu** *adj* (of female

humans) respectable **kabajamu**

*tv* (passive) be respected; (of

holiday or important occasion)

be observed *mirgi nama*

*kabajamuu qaba* People's rights

have to be respected.

**kabala** Same as *kaballaa* under

**kabal'aa** Same as *kaballaa* under

*kabalu* *kabalu*

**kabalamuu** See *kabalu*

**kabalchiisuu** See *kabalu*

**kaballaa** See *kabalu*

**kabalu** *tv* slap on the cheek *na*

*kabalte* She/You slapped me on

the cheek. **kabalamuu** *tv*

(passive) be slapped on the

cheek *ni/in kabalamte; kanaaf bossi*

She is slapped on the cheek;

that's why she is crying.

**kabalchiisuu** *tv* cause to slap

*iseetu na kabalchiise* She made

him/her slap me **kaballaa** *n* 1

slap *kaballaa dhuma tokkoon*



*iiyysiise* He made him cry with just one slap on the cheek. 2 handful, i.e., as much as can be held in one hand *buna kaballaa tokko kenniif* Give him a handful of coffee beans.

**kabamuu** See *kabuu*

**kabatii** Same as *makataa*

**kabebsuu** *tv* 1 close the door ajar *balbala hin cufin; itti kabebsi*

Don't close the door completely; leave it ajar. 2 botch up; bungle *nama hojii sirriitti hojachuu dhiisee itti kabeebse deemu hin jaal'u* I

don't like people who botch up work and leave before making sure it's done properly. 3 gloss

over; cover up; whitewash *gaaffii keenya sirriitti nuu hin deebifne; itti kabeebsee irra ceye* He didn't

answer our question properly; he merely glossed over the issue.

**kabeelaa** See *kabeela'uu*

**kabeela'uu** *iv* (used of feet/h hoof) be club-footed; become crooked

*miilli isaa kabeela'eera* His feet have become crooked. **kabeelaa**

*adj* club-footed; crooked; taliped *gaangee kabeelaa* a mule with crooked hoofs/hoves

**kabeelessuu** *tv* cause to have talipes; cause to have clubfoot; make crooked *buujaleetu miilla isaa kabeellesse* Chiggers made his feet crooked.

**kabeelessuu** See *kabeela'uu*

**kaboochuu** *n* clod, i.e., lump of earth; dry cow dung, usu used as firewood

**kaboota** Same as *kaboochuu*

**kabuu** *tv* build or fix a wall, usu with bamboo, reed, sorghum stalk, stone, bricks, etc., *mana isaa kabee fixeeraa?* Has he finished building the wall of his house?

**kabaa** *n* wall **kabamuu** *tv* (passive) [of a wall] be built *manni isaa kabameeraa?* Has a wall been built around his house (which is under construction)?

**kachaachala** See *kachaachaluu*

**kachaachaltuu** See *kachaachaluu*

**kachaachaluu** *iv* strive or work hard to make a living or get something *yoo kachaachalan malee taa'nii waan hawwanu argachuun ni/in danda'amaa?* Is it possible to get what one wishes for by sitting (and doing nothing about it)?

**kachachaluu** *iv* lie on the job

**kadee**<sup>1</sup> *an okolee* (see) made of gourd

**kadee**<sup>2</sup> Same as *qadaada* under *qadaaduu*

**kadeeduu** *iv* intend to do sth; intend to work

**kadhaa** See *kadhachuu*

**kadhaabachuu** Same as *qabachuu* under *qabuu*

**kadhachiisuu** See *kadhachuu*

**kadhachuu** *tv* 1 beg for sth from sb in the streets, by going from one house to another, etc. *nan hojjadhaa malee hin kadhadhu/hin kadhu* I will work; I will never beg. 2 beg, i.e., ask or request earnestly *akka ani ojii isa gargaaru na kadhate* He requested me to help him with his work. 3 pray

*waaqa kadhachaa jiru* They are praying. **4** propose marriage to a girl directly or indirectly by begging her parents for her hand *ilma kootiifan intala isaa kadhha* I will beg him to marry his daughter to my son. **5** organize, usu a dance party and invite/ beg young men to come *intalli isaa bor galgalaaf sirba kadhateetti* His daughter has organized a dance party for tomorrow evening (and she has begged young men to come). **6** ask a female to have sexual intercourse with *addaggee nana akkan dhirsaa qabuu atuu beektuu na kadhattaa!* You rude man, knowing that I have a husband, how dare you beg/ask me to sleep with you! **kadhaa n** begging; request **kadhachiisuu** *tv* cause sb beg sth, usu in such a way that he/she loses self-respect; cause to cringe *kenniif maa kadhachiifta?* Give him; why do you make him cringe? **kadhataa n** (male) beggar **kadhatamuu** *tv* (passive) begged/requested *maal aabbee, ani nan kadhatama malee nan kadhadhhaa!* How come pal, I am begged; I never beg! **kadhattuu n** (female) beggar  
**kadhataa** See *kadhachuu*  
**kadhatamuu** See *kadhachuu*  
**kadhattuu** See *kadhachuu*  
**ka'ee** See *ka'uu*  
**kafafsuu** See *kafafuu*

**kafafuu** *iv* dry out slightly *wayyaan kafafeera* The laundry have dried out slightly. **kafafsuu** *tv* cause to dry out slightly *kittaan kun hin gognee xinnoo kafafsi* This shirt is not dry; dry it out a little.

**kafana** See *kafanuu*

**kafanaa** Same as *kafana* under *kafanuu*

**kafanamuu** See *kafanuu*

**kafanuu** *tv* shroud, i.e., wrap a corpse in burial clothing *reeffa kafananiiruu?* Have they shrouded the corpse? **kafana n** 1 shroud or winding sheet **2** clothes *ijoollee dhaaf kafana bitaa* Buy clothes for the children.

**kafanamuu** *tv* (passive) be shrouded

**kaffalachuu** See *kaffaluu*

**kaffalchiisuu** See *kaffaluu*

**kaffaluu** *tv* 1 pay back what one owes, i.e., settle debts *birri shan liqiin kaffale* I spent five birri to settle my debt/bill. **2** pay tax, salary, etc., *ani qaraxa hin kaffalle* I have not paid the tax.

**kaffalachuu** *tv* pay, i.e., settle debts, credits, bills for self *idaa koo kaffaladheera* I have paid/settled my debts.

**kaffalchiisuu** *tv* cause to pay *gatii arka isaa birri shan na kaffalchiise* He made me pay five birri for his labor.

**kafinaa** Same as *kafana* under *kafanuu*

**kajeelaa** See *kajeeluu*

**kajeellaa** See *kajeeluu*

**kajeellachuu** Same as *kajeeluu*  
**kajeellii** See *kajeeluu*  
**kajeelloo** Same as *kajeellaa* under *kajeeluu*  
**kajeelsisuu** See *kajeeluu*  
**kajeeltu** See *kajeeluu*  
**kajeeluu** *tv* 1 crave for, i.e., have an intense desire *usu* for drink/food *awuun ulfa ture uukkoon kajeela ture* When I was pregnant, I used to crave for mushroom. 2 want *lola kajeeltee?* Do you want a fight? 3 covet *horii namaa hin kajeelin* Don't covet other people's money. 4 cadge or sponge meals indirectly by going, uninvited, from one house to another during meal time; freeloader *asii fi achi deemee kajeela* He goes from one house to another during meal hours in order to sponge a meal. **kajeellaa** *adj, n* (of male humans) freeloader **kajeellaa** *n* cadging/sponging *kajeellaa dhaa dhufa* He is coming from sponging. **kajeellii** *n* craving *kajeellii coomaa coommeen hin/im baasu* (saying) A craving for fat meat cannot be satisfied by eating mushrooms [Get the real thing]. **kajeelsisuu** *tv* 1 tantalize, i.e., show sth that sb desires without giving it to him/her *hin kajeelsisin; kenniif* Don't tantalize him/her/it. Give it to him/her/it. **kajeeltu** *adj, n* a person who goes to eat, uninvited, in another person's

house, *usu* during meal times; freeloader  
**kajiisa** *n* a single strand of hair  
**kakaa** See *kakachuu*  
**kakablee** Same as *maraqii*  
**kakachiisuu** See *kakachuu*  
**kakachuu** *iv* swear, i.e., make a solemn declaration, *usu* by involving a deity or by calling upon a person dear to one *ani humaa si irraa hin liqeeffanne jedhee kakate* He swore saying that he had not borrowed anything from me. **kakaa** *n* oath *akka hin/in sobne kakaa qaba* He had taken an oath promising that he would not lie. *kakaa qabdi* She is under oath. **kakachiisuu** *tv* swear sb or make sb take an oath *akka inni nama biraatti hin himne kakachiisi itti himi* Tell him after making him swear not to tell other people. **kakuu haaraa** *n* New Testament, i.e., the second part of the Bible **kakuu moofaa** *n* Old Testament, i.e., the first part of the Bible  
**kakaksuu** 1 Same as *sokoksuu* 2 Same as *dhudhawuu*  
**kakamsuu** Same as *dhuguu* (1)  
**kakawu jechuu** *iv* (*usu* takes *ol galuu/seenuu*) enter a room, etc., suddenly and without ceremony *kakawu jedhee ol gale* He entered the room, etc., suddenly and without ceremony.  
**kakawwee** See *kakawwisuu*  
**kakawwisuu** *iv* thunder *kakawwisaa bule* It was thundering all night. **kakawwee**

*n* thunder; lightning; see also *gungumuu* (2)  
**kakuu** Same as *kakaa* under *kakachuu*  
**kakuu haaraa** See *kakachuu*  
**kakuu moofaa** See *kakachuu*  
**kalaabsuu** *adj* squint-eyed; cross-eyed *iji isaa kalaabsuu dha* He is squint-eyed.  
**kalaadaa** *n* tusk of a pig or wild boar  
**kalaadii** *n* 1 Same as *kalaadaa* 2 domestic animals the abdomen/belly of which is white  
**kalaalaa** *n* climbing grass or plant, favorite fodder of calves, goats, or sheep  
**kalaalee** *adj* newly-wed woman, i.e., not married longer than a year  
**kalaamsuu** Same as *kalaabsuu*  
**kalaankalaa** *n* fried meat  
**kalaawuu**<sup>1</sup> *iv* (takes *itti*) [usu of newly acquired animals] be accustomed to new situations *sangaan kun madaqoo dha; horiitti hin kalaane* This ox is new; he is not as yet accustomed to the herd. See also *madaquu* (1)  
**kalaawuu**<sup>2</sup> *iv* (usu takes *itti*) move/go closer to; approach *itti kalaayi* Go closer to it; see also *dhiyaachu*<sup>2</sup>  
**kalabsuu** Same as *kalaabsuu*  
**kalachuu** *tv* fence a field so that grass (for animal feed) will grow in it properly. **kalamuu** *tv* (passive) [of a field for pasture] be fenced *horii dhaaf margi akka*

*sirriitti biqilu iddoon kun ha kalamu* This place should be fenced so that grass will grow properly for the animals.  
**kalafachuu** *iv* be greedy *inni ati qabdu si gayaa hin kalafatin* What you have is enough; don't be greedy  
**kalamuu** See *kalachuu*  
**kalee**<sup>1</sup> *n* kidney  
**kalee**<sup>2</sup> *n* 1 goat 2 (vocative) a term used to call/chase goat  
**kalee**<sup>3</sup> Same as *kaleessa*  
**kal'ee** Same as *kallee*<sup>1</sup>  
**kaleecha** Same as *kaleessa*  
**kaleesha** Same as *kaleessa*  
**kaleessa** *adv* 1 yesterday "*kaleessa dhanna na qabani, har'a huuba qoonqoo na kutani, ani qunxuraatti dhume*" *jettee intalli* (humor) "Yesterday they circumcised me; today they removed my tonsillitis; Snip! Snip! Snip! Very soon nothing of me will remain", said a girl. [helplessness]  
**kaleessuu** *tv* bring closer *isa achi fageessitee keesse sana natti kaleessi* You placed that thing too far away; bring it closer (to me).  
**kalkal jechuu** Same as *goolamuu* under *gooluu*  
**kallaadoo** *n* goiter  
**kallabbaawuu** *iv, tv* 1 (used of plants) wilt or droop *boqqolloon keenya kallabbaayeera* Our corn plant has drooped (for lack of rain). 2 (of persons) fill with languor *aduu dhaan kallabbaaye* He was filled with languor by the sun's heat.

**kallacha**<sup>1</sup> *n* 1 deity 2 a white patch between the horns of cattle, usu running down the neck 3 phallic-like symbol worn on the forehead by men of courage 4 forehead 5 in *gadaa* system it's a symbol of just administration

**kallacha**<sup>2</sup> *adv* beside, i.e., at the side of *kallacha koo dhaabata* He is standing beside me

**kallaquu** *tv* create *waaqatuu nu kallaqe* God created us. See also *uumuu*

**kallattii** *n* 1 direction *kallattii sanaan deeman* They went in that direction. 2 facing or opposite *kallattii koo isa taa'uu sana argitee?* Did you see the one who was sitting opposite to me?

**kallee**<sup>1</sup> *n* usu pelt of deer, goat, or sheep stretched, dried, and used as a rug or a mat; see also *raroo*

**kallee**<sup>2</sup> Same as *anqaaquu*; see also *killee* (1) which is more common

**kaloo**<sup>1</sup> *n* 1 abdomen or belly of sheep or goat 2 grazing area for goat, sheep, etc.; pasture or grass 3 a term of endearment usu used by the head of a family to address or refer to a member of his/her family

**kaloo**<sup>2</sup> Same as *geegawoo* or *tirma*

**kaluu** *adj* (applies to distance only) near; close *manni koo kaluu dha* My house is near. See also *dhiyoo* under *diyaachuu*<sup>2</sup>

**kam** (interrogative) which *sangaa isa kam gurgure?* Which ox did he sell? *karaa kam deeme* Which way did he go? *hoolaa isa kamtu bade?*

Which sheep was lost? *isee kamitti sirbe?* With which girl did he dance? *isee kamiif loomii kenne?* To which girl did he give lemon? [a symbol of love; same as a red rose in Western culture]

**kamakkamuu** *tv* trim *kamakkami goofaree kee* Trim your long hair.

**kamisa** *n* 1 Thursday 2 god of Thursday

**kamkamuu** *iv* shine, i.e., glow with light *fuulli isee baay'ee kamkama* Her face shines.

**kammanuu** *iv* 1 curdle *aannan kun kammaneera* This milk has curdled. 2 (usu of coffee) be/become clear because the dregs have settled or sunk *bunni kammaneera* The coffee has become clear. 3 (usu of milk utensils) be stuffy or be badly ventilated *uuroon isee ni/in kammaneera* Her churn is stuffy. See also *ukuu* (1)

**kammoona** *n* a kind of spice

**kamsa** Same as *kamisa*

**kamsii** Same as *kamisa*

**kamuunii** Same as *kammoona*

**kan** (particle) 1 whichever; which/what/whatever; who/whoever *kan barbaade ha fudhatu* Let him take whichever he wants. *kan jaal'atteetti ha eeruntu* Let her marry whoever she loves. *ani kan du'e im beeku* I don't know who died. *kan inni barbaadu isa kanaa?* Is this what he wants? 2 commonly used to form a possessive case; whose *kun kan kooti/kan iseeti/kan*

*isaati/kan keessan/kan keenyaa/ kan Gamtaati/jabbileeti ... This is mine, hers, his, yours, ours, Gamtaa's, the calves' mucaan kun kan eenyuuti? Whose child is this? sunoo kan eenyuuti An whose is that one? kan biraa n 1 another, i.e., a different one from the one sb is holding or talking about kittaa kana im barbaadu; kan biraa naa biti I don't want this shirt; buy me another one. 2 other, i.e., extra or additional ani sangaa kana malee kan biraa hin qabu I have no other ox except this one. kan ibaa n other kan ibaa ammoo and the other thing is...*

**kana** *adj, pron* this; these *isa kana fudhadhu* Take this one for self. *ijjoolllee kana maal goona?* What shall we do with these children? *sangoota kana hiiki.* Untie these oxen. *isa kana barbaaddi* This is the one she wants. *kanumaa jedhee natti iyya* He is crying just for this (trivial stuff). *Kanumaaf na jibbee* He hated me just for this (reason). *kanas fudhu* Take this one, too. *kana arratti waa naa dabali* Give me something more on top of this. *kana arra maal barbaada?* What more does he need? *ani kana malee humaa hin qabu* I have nothing more than this one.

**kanaa** *prep* for this/these; to this/these *ijjoolllee kanaa maal goona?* What shall we do for these children? *sangoota kanaa*

*bishaan kennaa* Give water to these oxen. *mucaa isaa kanaa midhaan kennitee?* Have you given food to this child? *gurbaa kanaa kophee bitaa* Buy shoes for this boy. **kanaaf** *adv* for this reason *kanaaf isee jaal'ata* That's why he likes her. *kanaa jettee ittiin oddi* That's why she is not on speaking terms with him. **kanaa achi** *adv* aside from this *kana achi ani humaa im beeku* Aside from this, I do not know anything.

**kanaaf** See *kanaa*

**kanaan** *prep* with this; this *kanaan na rukute* He hit me with this. *karaa kanaan deeme/dhufe* He went/came this way. *gara kanaan rafe* He slept on this side.

**kan biraa** See *kan*

**kandii** *n* wallet

**kanfalachuu** Same as *kaffalachuu* under *kaffaluu*

**kanfaluu** Same as *kaffaluu*

**kanfoleessa** Same as *dargaggeessa* or *dargaggeettii*

**kan ibaa** See *kan*

**kanneen** *pron (pl)* [ meaning depends on context] these; those *maddawwan rakkoo kanneen ta'an* sources of these problems *sababawwan kanneeniin kan ka'e* for these reasons *kanneen hafan keessaa* of those that remain *taphoota ijjoollummaa keessaa kanneen yaadadhu* of my childhood games, those I remember are... *baankota kanneen keessaa baankii..* of these/those banks,

bank so and so is...*pirojektoota kanneen raawachuuf qarshii* To complete these/those projects, so much money (is/ was needed). *mirgoota ummataati kanneen jedhaman* those considered human rights,...

**kanniisa** *n* bee *akka gurmuu kannisaa tokko ta'aniiru* They are as united as the swarm of bees. *kanniisa damma mi'aawuu tolchu sana ta'uu baattu tisiisa damma sana balleessu hin ta'in* (saying) If you cannot be like the bees that make sweet honey, at least don't be like the flies that ruin that honey. [neutrality or a happy medium]

**kannuu** Same as *kennuu*

**kantaraa** See *kantaruu*

**kantaruu** *iv* coagulate; curdle *dhiigi isaa dafee kantara* His blood coagulates quickly. *aannan kun ni/in kantare* This milk has curdled. **kantaraa** *adj* coagulated; curdled *aannan kantaraa* curdled milk

**kaphoo** *n* tough root in the ground, an obstacle to a plowshare when plowing

**kaquu** Same as *kallaquu*

**karaa** *n* alley, highway, path, or road *karaa makiinaa* highway *karaa miillaa* footpath **2** route/way, i.e., road to be used from one place to another *Mattuu karaa kam dhaqxa?* Which route are you taking when you go to Mattuu? *karaan kun eessaan nu baasa?* Where does this way take

us? **karaa abbaa** *n* side, i.e., line of descent on one's father's side; agnate *inni karaa abbaa obboleessa kooti* He is my half brother on my father's side. **karaa baasuu** *tv 1* demonstrate, i.e., start sth for sb, usu a learner, so that he/she will follow suit *qonnaa karaa naa baasi* Demonstrate to me how to plow, and I will follow suit. **2** build, construct, or open a new road *goda sanaan karaa baasaniiru* They have opened a new road down there. **karaa biraa** *adv, n* different method/way *karaa biraa kottu* Come by a different route. *kun hin taane; karaa biraa barbaadi* This method didn't work; find another way. **2** on the other hand, i.e., used for comparing different ideas *karaa tokko biyya kana jiraachuun gaarii dha; karaa biraa ammo saba ofii irraa cituunis nama hin gamma-chiisu* On one hand, living in this country is good; on the other hand, living here separates one from one's own people. **karaa haadhaa** side, i.e., line of descent on one's mother's side *iseen karaa haadhaa obboleettii kooti* On my mother's side, she is my half sister. **kara deemaa** *n* (male) traveler *warra manaa, ani kara deemaa dhaa adaraa na bulchaa* Family members of this house, as I am a traveler, please allow me to spend the night here. **kara deemtuu** *n* (female) a stranger

or a traveler **kara karaa** *adv* in all/in different directions; on all sides **kara karaa dhaan sangaa koo naa barbaada** Look for my ox in all directions.

**karaabaa** *n* shrub used as a whip, usu to punish small children

**karaabii** Same as **karaaba**

**karaabiticha** *n* name of the 13<sup>th</sup> day of month

**karaboo** *n* tray, usu with four legs, used for coffee cups

**karanfoo** Same as **qarriffaa**

**karaffaawuu** *iv* rain, usu drizzle or mizzle that the wind blows into a house **karaffaessuu** *tv* (of wind) blow rain into a house **qilleensatu bokkaa manatti**

**karaffaesse** The wind blew the rain into the house. **karaffuu** *n* rain, usu drizzle or mizzle that is blown into a house by wind.

**karaffaessuu** See **karaffaawuu**

**karaffuu** See **karaffaawuu**

**karkaffuu** Same as **karaffuu** under **karaffaawuu**

**karkarfachuu** See **karkarsuu**

**karkarroo** *n* wild boar or pig

**karkarsaa** See **karkarsuu**

**karkarsuu** *tv* 1 dry sth by bringing or putting it closer to fire **kittaa isaa karkarsa** He is drying his shirt by bringing it closer to fire 2 (usu of corn) roast by putting it beside fire **boqqolloo kana naa karkarsi** Roast this corn on the cob for me by putting it beside the fire. **karkarfachuu** *iv* heat/warm oneself by sitting closer to fire **abidda karkarfata** He

is warming himself by sitting near the fire. **karkarsaa** *n* roast lamb, usu the whole lamb after removing the skin **hoolaa karkarsaa** a roast lamb; see also **qaqqaammachuu**

**karoora** See **karooruu**

**karooraa** See **karooruu**

**karoorfachuu** See **karooruu**

**karoorsaa** See **karooruu**

**karoorsuu** See **karooruu**

**karooruu** *iv* 1 (usu used of health) improve **saani koo naa karoorteetti** My cow's health is improving. 2 develop, i.e. become larger, fuller, or more mature **bunni koo baay'ee naa karooreera** My coffee tree has developed well 3 plan **karoora** *n* plan **hojii tokko jalqabuu dura karoora baasuu wayya** Before starting any project, it's important to have a plan. **biyya tokkoof karoorsi barbaachisaa dha** Planning is necessary for a country. **karoorfachuu** *tv* 1 develop sth for self **buna isaa itti soqee karoorfate** He developed his coffee tree by digging under it. **karoorsaa** *adj, n* planner **karoorsaan pirojektii kanaa eenyu** Who is the planner of this project? **karoorsuu** *tv* 1 nurse or look after a peson who is ill **dhirsa isee karoorsitee fayyifatte** She nursed (looked after) her husband properly and made him recover. 2 organize; put everything in order **utuu keessummaan hin dhufin dura mana isee karoorsite** She had kept



the house in order before the guests arrived. 3 plan  
**karra** *n* 1 gate kottu kottu jettaa  
 karaa kamin dhufa// abbaan kee  
 hamaa dha guyyaan karra cufa  
 Though you, my sweetheart,  
 want me to come, I can't come  
 because your mean father closes  
 or shuts the gate very early in  
 the evening. 2 (football or soccer)  
 goal karra eegaa a goal-  
 keeper 3 koraal or pen, i.e., a  
 fenced enclosure for cattle; see  
 also foonaa or mooraa (1) 4 (fig)  
 cattle or domestic animals "karri  
 kee nagaa siif ha ta'u". May your  
 cattle be well and fine for you.  
**karrisuu** Same as kurruufuu  
**kasaa** *n* edge or border of pelt  
**kasala** *n* char-coal  
**kasalee** *n* black barley  
**kasaraa** *n* a curved walking stick  
 or cane  
**kasasuu** *tv* accuse/charge sb of  
 sth/with sth hattummaa dhaan isa  
 kasasn They charged him with  
 theft.  
**kashaa** *n* evening snack  
**kashaataa** *n* morning snack  
**kashalabbee** *adj* vagabond;  
 ignoble  
**kashalabbii** *n* hobby  
**kashee qamalee** *n* a kind of plant  
**kashoomsuu** Same as qanessuu;  
 sodaachisu  
**kasoo** See kasoomsuu  
**kasoomsuu** *tv* train, usu animals  
 to behave well/ be harmless  
**kasoo** *adj* innocent; good-  
 natured, not evil or violent;

harmless; innocuous nama kasoo  
 a good-natured person; sa'a kasoo  
 a well behaved cow  
**kataamura** Same as qaxxaamuraa  
 under qaxxaamuruu  
**kataamuruu** Same as qaxxaamuruu  
**kataaraa** Same as qabaa (2) under  
 qabuu  
**katabachuu** See katabuu  
**katabamuu** See katabuu  
**katabsiisuu** See katabuu  
**katabuu**<sup>1</sup> *tv* vaccinate akka  
 maariyyeen nan qabne na kataban  
 They vaccinated me against  
 small pox. **katabachuu** *tv* be  
 vaccinated ilmi koo katabateera  
 My som is vaccinated.  
**katabamuu** *tv* (passive) be  
 vaccinated ijoolleen koo hundinu  
 katabamaniiru All my children  
 are vaccinated. **katabsiisuu** *tv*  
 have sb vaccinated ijoollee keessan  
 fidaa katabsiisaa Bring your  
 children and have them  
 vaccinated.  
**katabuu**<sup>2</sup> *tv* write namatu  
 katabeefii? Didi sb write it for  
 him? **katabachuu** *tv* write sth for  
 self eega qubee baree asi xalayaa  
 ofumaan katabata Ever since he  
 mastered his alphabet, he writes  
 a letter himself. **katabamuu** *tv*  
 (passive) be written iyyati sun  
 katabamee? Is the application  
 written? **katabsiisuu** *tv* have sb  
 write for one xalyaa katabsiifachuu  
 deeme He went to have a letter  
 written on his behalf. See also  
 which is currently used  
**katamaa** *n* town; city

**katee** *n* home-made, cotton skirt  
**kattaa** *adj, n* 1 stone or rock, usu high and flat and fixed to the ground *daljeessi kattaa arra taa'uu jal'ata* A baboon likes to sit on a flat rock. 2 (fig) [usu of a person's forehead] flat and large *adda kattaa* a large, flat forehead  
**ka'umsa** See *ka'uu*  
**ka'uu** *iv* 1 get up or wake up from sleep *irribaa ka'eeraa?* Has he woke up? 2 get off, get up, or stand up, i.e., move from a place occupied *lafaa kaatee haammatee na dhungatte* She stood up, embraced, and kissed me. 3 (takes *itti*) relapse; suffer a relapse *ijaa dhukkubi isaa itti ka'eef dhufuu daxxabe* He couldn't come because he suffered a relapse. 4 be ready; about to *deemuuf ka'eera* He is ready to/about to go. 5 set out or start (out) *Buree kaanee guyyaa saafaa dhaan Goreetti galle* We started out from Bure and arrived at Gore in broad day light. 6 get up from, i.e., give up one's seat to sb, usu as a token of respect *barcuma arraa naa kaate* She gave up her seat to me. 7 be removed or dismissed from office/authority *bulchaan keenya nu arraa ka'eera* Our governor is removed, i.e., he is no longer our governor. 8 have one's picture taken *fotograafii kaatee* Did she have her picture taken? 9 (of an engine, a standing vehicle, dust, fight, fire, wind, etc.) start, i.e., be in

motion *abiddi ka'eera* Fire has started. *ojiitti ka'aniiru* They have started to work. *makiinaan isaa ka'uu didnaan dhiibneef* We pushed his car for him because it wouldn't start (i.e., the engine). *kurruufuutti ka'e egaa* There he goes; he has started to snore. 10 be baptized or christened *kiristinnaa ka'eeraa?* Is he baptized or christened? 11 (of penis) erect *ani rakkoo isaa hin qabu; tokkichumaan naa ka'a* I don't have erection problem; mine erects at once. **kaasu** *tv* 1 wake sb up *natti wacanii irribaa na kaasan* They made a lot of noise that woke me up from sleep. 2 take away *arka kee gateettii koo irraa kaasi* Take away your hand from my shoulder 3 incite sb; agitate *ollaa koo natti kaaftee wal nu jibbisiifte* She incited my neighbors against me and made us hate each other. 4 say sth behind sb's back; backbite *lafa ani hin jirretti maaliif maqaa koo kaafte?* Why did she/you say sth about me behind my back. 5 raise, i.e., bring up for discussion *dubbii sana natti hin kaasin* Do not raise that issue (I don't want to be reminded of it). 6 start; start sth up, i.e., put an engine, dust, fight, fire, etc., in motion *isatu lola kaase* He was the one who started the fight/quarrel. 7 remove from office, place, etc. *daanyicha Buree kaasaniiru* They

have removed the judge from Bure. **8** baptize or christen *eenyutu kiristinnaa si kaase?* Who stood a god father/mother to you? **9** photograph; take sb's picture or take a picture of sb *fotograafii na kaasi* Take my picture/Take a picture of me. **10** backbite *lafa inni hin jirreetti maqaa isaa hin kaasin* Do't talk behind his back (i.e. say sth bad about him) (in his absence **ka'ee** *adv* starting from...to... *Buree ka'ee amma Goreetti amman fagaata?* Starting from Bure, how far is Goree? **ka'umsa n 1** start, i.e., beginning of a journey *ka'umsa tolfatee gatii manaa bayeef yaroo dhaan Goretti gale* He reached Gore in time because he had left home at the right time. **2** (neologism) the minimum, i.e., the lowest amount/quantity of sth *caal baasii dhaan yoo gurgurme, gatiin ka'umsaa birri kuma soddoma* If it is sold by auction, the minimum or the starting price is thirty thousand birri. **ol kaasuu** *tv* lift sth up, usu a heavy object *kana qobaa kee dandeessee ol kaaftaa?* Can you lift this up alone?

**kechummummaa** Same as *keessummummaa* under *keessummaawuu*

**keddoo** Same as *qadaada* under *qadaaduu*

**kee** *adj, pron [sing]* **1** your *hoolaa kee* your sheep **2** yours *kan koo isa kana* Mine is this one. *kan kee isa*

*kam?* Which one is yours? *kee cabeera* Yours is broken. *ilmi koo koleejii fixeera, kan kee woo?* My son has completed college, what about yours?

**keecha** Same as *keessa*

**keechummaa** Same as *keessummaa* under *keessummaawuu*

**keechummaawuu** Same as *keessummaawuu*

**keechummeessuu** Same as *keessummeessuu* under *keessummaawuu*

**keechummummaa** Same as *keessummummaa*

**keellaa n 1** check-point, usu between boundaries or frontiers **2** zone, i.e., area with particular purpose *keellaa dheedaa* grazing area

**keelloo n 1** wild, seedless ramtil weed **2** yellow

**keenna** Same as *keenya*

**keenya** *adj, pron* **1** our *biyya keenyaa* our country **2** ours *sangaan kun keenya* This ox is ours.

**keenyya n** part of a wall; cross piece

**keenyan** Same as *keenyya*

**keerii** (expression usu used in greeting and farewell) (farewell): goodbye *keeriitti oolaa/bulaa* Good day/good bye. (greeting): *keerii oltanii/bultanii?* How was your day today? How was your night? **2** *adj* nice or pleasant *waan keerii dubadhu* Say sth nice/pleasant.

**keeruu** *iv* chat or talk gibberish  
*maal natti keera?* Why does he  
talk gibberish to me?

**keesha** Same as *keessa*

**keesshaa** gunny bag; gunny cloth

**keessa** *adv, prep 1* in; inside *uuroo,*

*mana, caakkaa...keessa* in the jar,  
room, forest... *bokkaa keessa hin*  
*taphatin* Don't play in the rain. **2**

*in* (showing circumstances or  
physical surroundings) *aduu,*  
*bakkee, dukkana, qorra...keessa* in  
the: sun, field, dark, cold ...

*rakkoo keessa jirti* She is in  
difficulty. *gabaa keessa bade* He  
disappeared in the crowd in the

market place. *sareen dalla keessa*  
*hulluuqee baye* The dog went out  
through the opening in the

fence. **keessaan** *prep* through,  
*i.e.,* entering at one end and  
coming out at the other *qaayaa*  
*keessaan natti kenni* Pass it to me  
through the hole. **keessa**

**deebi'uu** *iv* repeat an action, a  
statement, etc. *isuma sila dubbatte*  
*keessa deebite* She repeated what  
she had already said. See also  
*arra deebi'uu* under **arra keessa**

**ilaaluu** *tv* observe carefully;  
analyze *waan dubbatame tokko*  
*utuu keessa hin ilaalin amanuun*  
*gaarii miti* It's not good to believe  
a statement before analyzing it.

**keessa keessa** *adv* in a subtle  
way *kolfa keessa keessa na miidhe*  
He hurt me laughingly, *i.e.,* in a  
subtle way. *keessa keessa adurreen*  
*bineensa* Behind the façade, a cat

is a wild animal (so one has to be  
careful).

**keessaa** *prep 1* out of, *i.e.,* from  
inside sth *saanduqii keessaa fuudhi*  
Take it out of the box. *namichi*  
*sun caakaa keessaa baye* That man  
came out of the forest **2** out of,  
*i.e.,* from among *cuucii indaaqqoo*  
*kudhan keessaa torba duwwaatu*  
*naa guddate* Out of my ten chicks,  
only seven survived/grew up.

**3** of all *nama keessaa sobduun jibba*  
Of all the people, I hate a liar.

**keessaa fi duuba** *n* the  
interior/inside and the  
exterior/outside surface of sth  
*cargiin kun keessaa fi duubi isaa im*  
*beekamu* The inside and the  
outside surface of this cloth  
cannot be distinguished. **keessa**  
**keessaa** *prep* from among, *i.e.,*  
when selection is made *boqqolloo*  
*kana keessa keessaa buqqisii gati*  
From among the corn plants,  
select the undesirable ones and  
throw them away.

**keessan** *adj, pron (pl/honorific) 1*  
your *mana keesaan*  
*ni/ingurgurtanii?* Did you sell  
your house? **2** yours *kun keessan*  
*moo keenya* Is this yours or ours?

**keessaan** See *keessa*

**keessattuu** Same as *keessumattuu*

**keessumattuu** *adv* especially,  
particularly, or specifically  
*sa'ooti koo hundinu aannan*  
*ni/in/im bawu; keessumattuu iseen*  
*kun qobaa dha* All my cows milk  
well, but particularly this one is  
special.

**keessummaa** See *keessummaawuu*  
**keessummaawuu** *iv* (used of a guest or visitor) feel strange, i.e., not feel at home and comfortable as a guest *keessummaayeetu/keessummooftetu nyaachuu dide/didde* He/She didn't eat properly because he/she did not feel at home. **keessummaa** *n* 1 guest *keessummaan manaa qaba; dhufuu hin danda'u* I have a guest at home; I can't come. 2 stranger *ani takkaa isa/isee argee in/im beeku; keessummaa dha* I have never seen him/her before; he's/she's a stranger.  
**keessummeessuu** *tv* host; entertain *nyaataa fi dhugaatii qopheessitee akka gaariitti na keessummeessite* She prepared food and drinks and entertained me properly.  
**keessumnummaa** *n* strangeness *keessumnummaa dhaaf dubbachuu sodaate* He is not talking because he feels he is a stranger.  
**keessummeessuu** See *keessummaawuu*  
**keessumsiisuu** Same as *keessummeessuu* under *keessummaawuu*  
**keessumnummaa** See *keessummaawuu*  
**keeti** *adj, pron (sing)* 1 your *kun sangaa keetii?* Is this your ox? *sun qooda keeti* That is your share. 2 yours *kun keeti* This is yours. *sunis keeti* That one is yours, too.

**keettoo** *n* detective; spy; under cover agent  
**keewata** *n* (neologism) article, i.e., part in a law agreement **keewat xinnaa** *n* sub article  
**keewwachuu** Same as *keeyachuu* under **kaawuu**  
**keeyachuu** See *kaawuu*  
**keeyata**<sup>1</sup> See *kaawuu*  
**keeyata**<sup>2</sup> Same as *bo'oo* (2)  
**keeyifa** Same as *keyifa*  
**keeyifoo** *n* grass with sweet smell  
**keeyirii** Same as *keerii*  
**kefkeffee** *adj, n* 1 hasty, rash, restless; boastful *nama kefkeffee* a boastful/rash person 2 local liquor or arrack  
**kefoo** *n* a sweet smelling plant used in spices or yogurt; see also *keeyifoo*  
**kenna** See *kennuu*  
**kennaa** See *kennuu*  
**kennachuu** See *kennuu*  
**kennamuu** See *kennuu*  
**kennuu** *tv* 1 give as a present *birri lama naa kennite* She gave me two birri. 2 give for, i.e., pay sth to sb for sth *hoolaa kanaaf meeqa naa kennita?* How much will you pay me for this sheep? 3 give, i.e., allow sth/sb to pass into the care or safe keeping of *eeboo kee eenyutti kennite?* To whom did you give your spear? 4 marry, i.e., give one's daughter in marriage *intala isaa eenyuuf kenne?* To whom did he give (marry) his daughter 5 resign from or give up an effort and leave everything to God *ani*

*humaa gochuu hin danda'u; kana waaqaatti kenneen rafa* I can't do anything about it; I will leave it to God and go to bed. **kenna** *n* gift or present *sa'i kun kenna obboleessa kootiiti* This cow is a present from my brother. **kennaa** *n* gift, i.e., natural ability for doing sth *ati beekumsa adda addaa baay'ee qabda; kun kennaa waaqaati* You are versatile; this is God's gift. **kennachuu** *tv* entrust to; give, i.e., allow sb/sth into the care or custody of (for self) *birri meeqa itti kennatte?* How many birri did you entrust to him? **kennamuu** *tv* (passive) be given; be given in marriage *maaltu kennameef* What is given to him? *intalli isaa bor kennamti* His daughter will be married off tomorrow.

**kerkeraa** See *kerkeraawuu*

**kerkeraawuu** *iv* be debilitated and emaciated as a result of old age, malnutrition, disease, etc. *dulloomee kerkeraayee du'e* He died after being old and debilitated. **kerkeraa** *adj, n 1* (of male humans) debilitated and emaciated **2** spirit; ghost

**kerkeree** Same as *abbaa gaayyaa*

**kerkeruu** Same as *kerkeraawuu*

**keyifa** *n* red clay

**kibaaba** Same as *eelee*

**kibba** *n* south

**kibirii** *n* ankle

**kibiriitii** match *mandhee kibiriitii* match box *muka kibiriitii* match stick

**kibirii** Same as *kibirii*

**kibxata** *n* Tuesday; god of Tuesday

**kiccuu** Same as *kichuu*

**kichuu** *n 1* shoot, i.e., young or baby growth on a plant, usu cabbage and pumpkin shoot **2** unripe; undeveloped and at its inception stage; (fig) baby *daa'ima kichuu* a baby

**kicuu** *n 1* mat **2** fat meat **3** a kind of plant that looks like a horse's tail

**kiibxata** Same as *kibxata*

**kiifamuu** See *kiisuu*

**kiijjoo** *n* corn cake made from fresh corn. To prepare the cake, first unleavened dough is wrapped in special leaves and then boiled

**kiikkii** Same as *kikkii*

**kiikkoo** Same as *dhangaggayaa* under *dhangaggaawuu*

**kiinii** Same as *walakkaa* (1)

**kiirolee** Same as *kiloolee*

**kiisamuu** Same as *kiifamuu*

**kiisii<sup>1</sup>** pocket, i.e., a pouch sewed into a garment

**kiisii<sup>2</sup>** See *kiisuu*

**kiisuu** *tv* make peace offering *afaan gadhee itti dubbadheera; nan isa kiisa* I did hurt his feelings (by saying sth rude to him) so I will make him peace offering.

**kiifamuu** *tv* be compensated

**kiisii** *n* peace-offering, i.e., money paid to an adversary in the interests of peace or reconciliation *amma isa tumeen booddee kiisii kennaaf* I will beat

him up now and make him  
peace-offering afterwards.

**kijiba** Same as *soba* under *sobuu*

**kijibduu** Same as *sobduu* under  
*sobuu*

**kijibsiisuu** Same *sobsiisuu* under  
*sobuu*

**kijibuu** Same as *sobuu*

**kikkii** *n* split peas used in making  
stew

**kilixii** *n* Same as *kubbaa*

**kil jechuu** *iv* 1 (takes the various  
forms of *goguu*) become  
completely dry *qoraan kun gogee*  
*kil jedheera* This firewood has  
become completely dry. 2 have  
spasms of laughter, crying,  
coughing; be in a faint with  
laughter, crying, or coughing  
*mucaan eenyutu rukunnaan akkana*  
*kil jedhe?* Who hit the child that  
he/she is under spasms of  
crying? *mucaan enyutu qirqidnaan*  
*akkana kil jedhee kolfa?* Who  
tickled the child that he/she is  
having spasms of laughter? *kil*  
*jedhee qufa'e* He had spasms of  
coughing.

**killillee** Same as *bitawoo*

**killaa**<sup>1</sup> *n* bowl, usu wooden, with a  
lid, used for holding ornaments,  
roasted coffee, etc.

**killaa**<sup>2</sup> *n* milk from fifty cows that  
calved on the same day.

Taditionally, the milk is formed  
into a pool and the owner of the  
cows symbolically swims in it, as  
a proof that he is the wealthiest  
man around. **killaa lixuu** *iv* 1  
enter pool of milk 2 wallow in

wealth; be extremely wealthy  
*akaakayyuun koo si'a lama killa lixe*  
My grandfather entered the pool  
of milk twice in his life, so he  
was the richest man of the time.

**killaa**<sup>3</sup> *n* an armpit that has bad  
odor

**killaa lixuu** See *killaa*<sup>2</sup>

**killlee** *adv*; *n* 1 Same as *anqaaquu*  
(*n*) under *anqaaquu* (*tv*) 2 very or  
extremely (takes *dondha*) *dondha*  
*killlee* very miserly

**killiyyuu** Same as *gubbee*<sup>2</sup> (1)

**kiloolee** *n* quail

**kimbilaachuu** Same as *kimbil*  
*jechuu*

**kimbilchuu** Same as *kimbil gochuu*

**kimbil gochuu** *tv* 1 Same as  
*dhudhawuu* 2 upset, i.e., cause to  
fall over or turn over sth  
accidentally *bishaan uuroo guutuu*  
*kimbil goote* She upset a jar full of  
water. 3 kill sb/sth *diina isaa*  
*kimbil godhe* He killed his enemy.  
**kimbil jechuu** *iv* fall or die  
suddenly *atuma taa'ee haasa'uu*  
*kimbil jedhe* He was sitting and  
talking when all of a sudden he  
collapsed and died.

**kimira** *adj* unripe *boqqolloon kun*  
*kimira*; *hin cabsin* The corn (in the  
field) is unripe; don't cut (break)  
it.

**kinaawuu** *iv* be insensitive or be  
unwilling to help *maaf akkana*  
*kinoofti?* Why is she so  
insensitive?

**kindii** Same as *qindii* (1)

**kiniinii** *n* tablet, i.e., pellet of  
medicine

**kinnisaa** Same as *kanniisa*  
**kinoo** *n* 1 underlying/root cause of a disease *kinoon dhukkuba isaa keessaa im baane* The root cause of his disease has not been removed. 2 Same as *kunoo*  
**kinooftuu** *adj* (usu of a child) sickly *mucaa kinooftuu* a sickly child

**kinooti** Same as *kunooti*  
**kipha galuu** *iv* (usu used of yoke of oxen) be level with, i.e., without one pulling ahead of the other *sangoonni kun kipha hin galle* These oxen are not level with each other, i.e., while plowing, one of the two oxen is going ahead of the other

**kiphee** *n* (takes *bu'uu*, *dhawuu*, etc.) head of goat, sheep, etc. used in reference to butting only *korbeessa oolaatu kiphee dhaan isa dhaye* A ram butted him. *reetotii kiphee walitti bu'an* The goats butted each other.

**kiraa** See *kireeffachuu*

**kiraara** *n* a five-/six- stringed musical instrument similar to the banjo

**kireeffachuu** *tv* rent sth from sb *mana kana nan kireeffadhee malee kan koo miti*. I rented this house; it's not my own property. **kiraa** *adj* a rented property *mana kiraati* It is a rented house. **kireessuu** *tv* rent out; let *mana isaa faranjiitti kireesse* He rented out his house to a foreigner.

**kireessuu** See *kireeffachuu*

**kirrii** *n* 1 white thread (worn at a time of mourning) 2 thread of any color, other than white, worn round the neck by a Coptic Christian 3 integrity, rectitude, or religion *namichi kun kirri hin qabuuyii?* Doesn't this man have any integrity or moral sense?

**kitaaba** See *kitaabuu*

**kitaabbachuu** See *kitaabuu*

**kitaabbii** See *kitaabuu*

**kitaabsisuu** See *kitaabuu*

**kitaabuu** *tv* 1 write *xalayaa naa kitaabe* He wrote a letter for me. 2 bewitch or charm, i.e., put a magic spell on *mucaa kootti kitaabe* He bewitched my child.

**kitaaba** *n* 1 book 2 amulet, charm, or talisman worn to ward off evil or to bring good fortune  
**kitaabbachuu** *tv* wear a charm for self to keep out evil or to bring good fortune  
**kitaabbii** *n* writing  
**kitaabsisuu** *tv* 1 cause to write; have sb write sth *dhaqeen xalayaa ilma kootti kitaabsifadha* I will go and have a letter written to my son. 2 have sb bewitch or charm another *mucaa kootti kitaabsifte* She had my child bewitched.

**kitila** *adj* many *kuma kitila* many thousands *fira kitila qaba* He has many friends.

**kitima** See *kitimuu*

**kitimaa** See *kitimuu*

**kitimachuu** See *kitimuu*

**kitimamuu** See *kitimuu*

**kitimuu** *tv* sacrifice an animal to cure a diseased person *hoolaa adii*



*itti kitiman* They sacrificed a white lamb with the hope that he would recover. **kitima** *n* sacrifice **kitimaa** *n* 1 sacrifice of an animal to cure illness *hoolaa kitimaa* a sacrificial lamb 2 sacrifice, i.e., the giving up of one's own life for the good of sb, one's country, etc. *biyya isaatiif kitimaa ta'e* He became a sacrificial lamb for the good of his country. **kitimachuu** *tv* sacrifice an animal for self to be cured from an illness *hoolaa diimaa kitimatee fayye* He recovered after he had sacrificed a red lamb for self. **kitimamuu** *tv* (passive) be sacrificed for the good of a cause, one's country, for the good of sb *biyya isaatii jedhee kitimame* He was sacrificed for the good of his country.

**kitrata** *n* a shelf-like structure on the wall on which things are stacked

**kittaa** *n* shirt

**kittaanuu** *tv* (used of females) circumcise *intala isaa kaleessa kittaanani* They circumcised his daughter yesterday.

**kittillayyoo** *n* a girl parents of a bride send to the bride's new home so that she [the girl] can assist in the household chores

**kiyya** Same as *kooti*

**kiyyeessuu** *tv* trap an animal **kiyyoo** *n* 1 snare or trap for catching wild animals or birds 2 trap, i.e., unpleasant situation from which it is difficult to

escape *rakkinni koo kiyyoo natti ta'e* My problem (e.g., poverty) itself is a trap from which I cannot escape. 3 colony *sirna kiyyoo* colonial system 4 Same as *qoronyoo* (2) **kiyyoo galuu** *iv* put oneself in a very difficult situation

**kiyyoo** See *kiyyeessuu*

**kobaa** Same as *qobaa*

**kobba** *n* (usu of water) foam or bubble

**kobbee** *n* pen

**kobbortaa** *n* overcoat

**kobbortii** Same as *kobbortaa*

**kobobbee** See *kobobbisuu*

**kobobbisuu** *iv* (of a cock) 1 fluff out the feathers and encircle a hen just before copulating *kormaan indaaqqoo in/ni kobobbisa* The cock is fluffing out its feathers and is going around the hen. 2 (fig) bluff, usu scare sb by pretending to hit, etc. *jedhi na rukuti hin kobobbisin* I call your bluff, common hit me. **kobobbee** *n* bluff, i.e., one who bluffs and shows off

**kobobichoo** Same as *kaboochuu*

**koboota** pl form of *kaboochuu*

**kochee**<sup>1</sup> See *kochisuu*

**kochee**<sup>2</sup> *n* blood of a healthy young lamb spiced, boiled, and eaten

**kochee**<sup>3</sup> See *kocheessuu*

**kocheessuu** *tv* boil grain for food *shunburaa kocheessitee naa kennite* She boiled chick-peas and gave it to me **kochee** *n* boiled grain used as food

**kochisuu** *tv* mince *foon kochisutti jirti* She is mincing (meat).  
**kochee** *n* minced meat mixed with fresh butter and spices, eaten raw or cooked  
**kochoo** Same as *qoochoo*  
**koddaa** *n* canteen or water-bottle, i.e., metal flask in which, *usu* soldiers carry water  
**koddoo** *n* Same as *qoddoo*  
**kodhaanisa** *n* Achilles tendon  
**ko'eessa** See *ko'oomuu*  
**ko'eettii** See *ko'oomuu*  
**kofa** *n* crotch; thigh, *usu* the parts that touch each other when the two thighs of a person come into contact with each other  
**kofalchiisuu** Same as *kolfsiisuu* under *kolfuu*  
**kofa'uu** *tv* open or separate the crotches  
**kof jechuu** Same as *kuf jechuu*  
**kof kof jechuu** Same as *kuf jechuu*  
**kofla** Same as *kofa* under *kolfuu*  
**koflisiisuu** Same as *kolfsiisuu* under *kolfuu*  
**koflituu** Same as *kolfituu* under *kolfuu*  
**kofluu** Same as *kolfuu*  
**kofoo** *n* 1 trousers or pants that are baggy at the buttocks 2 bag-like or loosely hanging part of trousers (at the buttocks) *surreen koo kofoo hin qabu* My pants are without bag-like, hanging part (at the buttocks). 3 angle  
**ko'ilee** Same as *ko'eessa* under *ko'oomuu*  
**kokkee** *n* 1 throat 2 Adam's apple  
**kokoo** (vulgar) Same as *buqushaa*

**kokorii** Same as *albaatii* or *qeberoo*; see also *korkorii*  
**kokorsaa** Same as *boojjitoo*  
**kokorsuu** Same as *sochoosuu* (1) under *socho'uu*  
**kolaa** See *kolaasuu*  
**kola'aa** Same as *kolaa* under *kolaasuu*  
**kolaasamuu** See *kolaasuu*  
**kolaasuu** *tv* (*usu* used of a male animal) castrate, geld, or spay *korma isaa ni/in kolaase* He has castrated his bull. **kolaa** *adj* gelding or a castrated animal  
**kolaasamuu** *tv* (passive) 1 be castrated *kormi inni kun jabaatee akka qotu kolaasame* This bull was castrated to make him a strong yoke. 2 (of persons) be made timid or coward *namni ni/in kolaasamee moo maaliif cal jedhee cunqursama?* Are people castrated, i.e., made so timid that they accept injustice lying down?  
**kolachuu** *iv* mock sb or mock at sb *natti kolate* He mocked me.  
**kolbaa**<sup>1</sup> *n* 1 horn 2 hilt, *usu* made of horn  
**kolbaa**<sup>2</sup> Same as *eelee*  
**kolfa** See *kolfuu*  
**kolfisiisuu** See *kolfuu*  
**kolfituu** See *kolfuu*  
**kolfuu** *iv* chuckle, giggle, laugh, smile, snigger, or titter *maaliif kolfiti?* Why is she laughing? *natti kolfite* She laughed at me.  
**kolfa** *n* laugher; risibility *kolfa itti gadhiise* H broke/burst into laughter. *kolfi baayy'ate booddeen*

- isaa booyicha* (saying) Too much laughter leads to crying.
- kolfisiisuu** *tv* cause to laugh  
*waanti inni jedhu hundi na*  
*kolfisiisa* Whatever he says makes me laugh. *nama natti kolfisiifte*  
She made me a laughing stock.
- kolfituu** *n* (usu of females) one who laughs a lot
- kolkola** See *kolkoluu*
- kolkoluu** *tv* calm sb down, i.e., make an angry person less upset  
**kolkola** *n* pacifying or calming down  
*kolkolli madaa hin fayyisu* (saying) Pacifying does not heal/cure wound/sore, i.e., hurt feelings
- kolla'uu** *tv* 1 (used of field hockey) dribble a hockey ball by repeatedly hitting it instead of passing it to a team member  
*rukuti; hin kolla'in* Pass it; don't dribble it. 2 prepare/stir sauce  
*bishaan itti im baayy'isin; kolla'i*  
Stir the sauce without adding too much water to it. 3 upset things accidentally  
*qodaa kollaataa eeggadhu* Watch out! you may upset the utensils.
- kollee** Same as *qellee*
- kolloo** *n* 1 shuttle for loom 2 pod of beans, peas, etc. *atariin kolloo baaseera* The peas have formed pods, i.e., they have podded up. 3 wooden rod or a leash attached to a collar of a dog used for leading him or for preventing him from biting 4 a small bag made of bamboo stalks
- kolmaa** *n* muscle between the withers and the nape; see also *qolmata, qolee, and salgii* (2)
- kolmammuu** Same as *kormommmuu*
- kololaachisuu** Same as *konkolaachisuu*
- kololaachuu** Same as *konkolaachuu*
- kololaataa** Same as *konkolaata*
- kololee** *adj* pleasant, beautiful, or good-looking girl/woman
- kolomammuu** Same as *kormammuu*
- kolomsiisuu** *tv* flirt; cause to be coquettish
- koloofoo** *n* 1 Same as *kolloo* (2) 2 large green chili fruit before it is ground 3 dried chili fruit before it is ground  
*barbaree koloofoo* dried chili fruit
- kolooloo** *adj, n* 1 hyena 2 thin and tall  
*muka kolooloo* a thin and tall tree
- koma** Same as *komii* under  
*komachuu*
- komachuu** *tv* have a slight, friendly grudge against sb; cause a friend slight unhappiness by doing or by forgetting to do what was supposed to be done  
*si komadheera; dhukubsadhee maaliif nan gaafanne?* I have a slight grudge against you; why didn't you visit me when I was ill?
- komatamuu** *tv* (passive) [of feelings] be slightly hurt  
**komii** *n* slight grudge against a friend
- komatamuu** See *komachuu*
- kombolcha** thorny shrub
- kombolchuu** Same as *garagalchuu*
- kombosha** Same as *kombolcha*

**komee** Same as *komii* under *komachuu*  
**komfii**<sup>1</sup> Same as *hoffaa* under *hoffachuu*  
**komfii**<sup>2</sup> *n* 1 Same as *biyoo* **komfii**  
*nyaachuu* Same as *biyyoo*  
*nyaachuu* under *biyyoo*  
**komii** See *komachuu*  
**komora** See *komoruu*<sup>2</sup>  
**komortuu** See *komoruu*<sup>2</sup>  
**komoruu**<sup>1</sup> Same as *qomoruu*  
**komoruu**<sup>2</sup> *iv* mourn **komora** *n*  
mourning **komortuu** *n* (of  
females) mourner; see also  
*gadduu*  
**konfii** Same as *hoffaa* under  
*hoffachuu*  
**konfolee** Same as *dargaggeessa*  
**konfoleessa** *adj, n* unmarried;  
confirmed bachelor  
**konfoleeyisa** Same as *konfoleessa*  
**konfoleeyyii** Same as *konfoleessa*  
**konkaa** See *konkuu*  
**konkolaachisuu** See *konkolaachuu*  
**konkolaachoo** See *konkolaachuu*  
**konkolaachuu** *iv* roll, i.e., on  
wheels or by turning over and  
over *dhagaan kun tabba irraa gadi*  
*konkolaate* This stone rolled  
down the steep slope.  
**konkolaachisuu** *tv* cause to roll;  
drive a vehicle *im baatin; gadi*  
*konkolaachisi* Don't carry it; let it  
roll down. **konkolaachoo** *n*  
game, usu played by children  
who roll down a slope after  
lying down flat on the ground  
**konkolaataa** *n* vehicle, i.e., car,  
lorry, truck, etc.  
**konkolaataa** See *konkolaachuu*

**konkona** *n* usu nose of persons  
*konkonni isee guddaa dha* Her nose  
is big. See also *funyaan* (1)  
**konkonuu** *iv* (usu used of animals  
or persons) grow or develop  
physically and or emotionally  
*ilmi koo naa konkoneera* My son  
has grown both physically and  
emotionally. *dibichi kee sii*  
*konkonee?* Is your young bull  
grown enough (to be yoked?)  
**konkoona** Same as *konkona*  
**konkuu** *iv* 1 be insane 2 make sth  
hollow **konkaa** *adj* crazy; insane;  
lunatic; mad; see also *maraachuu*  
**kontoma** *n* (takes *kuma*) infinite,  
i.e., a term vaguely used after  
one has counted in the  
thousands, since traditionally  
counting is not probably  
possible beyond that *kuma*  
*kontoma* thousands and more  
**kontoo** Same as *gagaa*  
**kony'ee** *n* 1 hand formed into the  
shape of a cup; handful  
*shumburaa konyee tokko naa*  
*kennite* She gave me a handful of  
chick-peas. 2 shoulder; see also  
*gateettii*  
**koo**<sup>1</sup> *adj, pron* 1 my *mana koo* my  
house *mucaa koo* my child *saba*  
*koo* my people 2 mine *kan koo*  
*ni/in cabe* Mine is broken. *inni*  
*kun kan koo miti* This one is not  
mine. *kan koo amma naa kenni*  
Give me mine now. *kan koo hin*  
*fudhatin* Don't take mine.  
**koo**<sup>2</sup> (expression used when  
calling 2<sup>nd</sup> person, sing) *gurbaan*  
*sun koo jennaaniin dufuu dide* I

- told that boy to come, but he refused. See also *kottu* which is the most common one.
- koobaa** See *koobuu*
- koobamuu** See *koobuu*
- koobbachuu** See *koobuu*
- koobii** *n* anthill or mound
- kooboo** *n* a small *gundoo* (see)
- kooboo miillaa** a small plate made from the stalk of tall grasss, usu used for serving *akaayii* (see)
- koobsisuu** See *koobuu*
- koobuu** *tv* cup, i.e., draw blood (to cure illness) *mataa isaa kobaniifi* They cupped his head for him. **koobaa** *n* 1 cupping glass/horn partially evacuated by heating and used to draw blood 2 cupping *koobaatu xinnoo isa gargaare* Cupping helped him a little. **koobamuu** *tv* (passive) be cupped *koobamee fayye jedhu* They say he recovered after he was cupped. **koobbachuu** *tv* be cupped, i.e., to indicate that the action of cupping has been done *eega koobbatee asi wayyaayeera* He has been feeling better ever since he was cupped. **koobsisuu** *tv* cause to be cupped
- koodama** 1 Same as *kootama* 2 Same as *maala*<sup>3</sup>
- kooddoo** Same as *iryaa*
- koodee** *n* 1 brother or sister 2 very close relative; blood or next of kin; see also *aantii iryaa koo akka koodee kootiin jaal'adha* I love my friend as if he were my close relative.
- kookii** *n* peach tree or its fruit
- koola** Same as *qoochoo*
- kooluu**<sup>1</sup> Same as *qoochoo*
- kooluu**<sup>2</sup> *n* live with a family and act as a servant, a guard, a messenger, etc. **kooluu galuu** *iv* join/live with, usu a powerful family to get protection *abbaa kootti kooluu gale* He lives with my father.
- koomee** *n* 1 heel **koomee irraa of taa'uu** *iv* be in a hurry *ojii dhaquu dhaaf koomee irraa of taa'a* He is in a hurry to go to work. 2 Same as *kibirii*
- koomtoo** *n* poor quality honey (usu dark-brown) obtained, usu when daisy-like plants flower
- koonkoona** Same as *konkona*
- koonyaa** *n* administrative region larger than *ona*<sup>2</sup>
- ko'oomuu** *iv* 1 have one's hands full; be so busy that one has no time for rest *ko'omeen dhufee si gaafachuu daxxabe* I had been so busy that I could not come and visit you. 2 (of a person, a house, etc.) be lonely *obboleessi koo ko'omeera* My brother has become lonely. **ko'eessa** *adj*, *n* (of male humans) 1 busy *namichi kun gaafhundumaa ko'eessa* The man is always busy. 2 *adj* lonely *jaarsa ko'eessa* a lonely old man **ko'eettii** *adj* 1 (of females) busy 2 lonely **ko'uma** *n* loneliness
- koora** See *kooruu*
- kooraa** See *kooruu* and *koruu*
- kooraa fannisuu** See *koruu*
- kooreefachuu** See *koruu*

**koorsuu** See *kooruu*

**kooruu** *iv* 1 be conceited, haughty, proud, supercilious, or be vain *ni/in koora/koorti* He/She is haughty. *hojii gaarii ojjattee koorti* She is proud because she did sth good. 2 (takes *itti*) look down on/upon sb *eega koolejii fixee nutti kooreera* He has started to look down on us ever since he graduated from college.. 3 (*usu* applies to food) be reluctant to eat or drink *sangaan maa nyaata koore?* Why is the ox reluctant to eat? **koora** *n* conceit; haughtiness *koora baayy'isaniiru* They are full of conceit. **kooraa** *adj* of a male who is haughty and conceited **koorsuu** *tv* pamper sb by working for and by providing for him/her so that he/she just sits back and enjoys *ilma kootu na koorsee na jiraachisa* It is my son who pampers me by providing for me.

**koosoo** *n* 1 tapeworm 2 the plant from which tapeworm medicine is prepared 3 tapeworm medicine

**kootama** *n* large, male leader of a group or pack of, *usu* baboon, monkeys, or wild pigs *kootama daljeessaa* large, male baboon leader

**kooti** *adj, pron* (a pronoun with a built-in verb *to be*) 1 *my sun mana kooti* That is my house. *kun ilma kooti; inni sun ilma obboleessa kootiiti* This my son; that one is my nephew. *biyya kooti* It is my

country. 2 mine *kunis sunis kan kooti* This is mine, and that one, too, is mine. *waanti ati mana kana keessaa argitu hundinu kooti* Everything you see in this house is mine.

**kooticha** *n* black soil

**kootii** *n* coat

**koottuu** Same as *kottuu*

**kophaa** Same as *qobaa*

**kophee** *n* shoes, sandals, or slippers

**kophii** Same as *qophii*

**koqa** See *koquu*

**koqaa** See *koquu*

**koquu** *iv* 1 (*usu* used of dogs) growl *sareen kun na ciniinuu dhaaf natti koqaa na irraa qabaa* This dog is growling to bite me; keep him on a leash! 2 bubble, i.e., make the sound of bubbles, *usu* when sth is being boiled *marqaan ni/in koqa* Porridge bubbles when being boiled. **koqa** *n* bubbling sound of sth being boiled *koqa raafu* bubbling sound of cabbage being boiled **koqaa** *n* cereal broth obtained after *usu* corn porridge is prepared *marqaa kee baaduu dhaan nyaachuu moo koqaa sii wayya?* Would you like to eat your porridge with buttermilk or with cereal broth? **koqsiisuu** *tv* cause to bubble by leaving sth being boiled on the fire

**koqsiisuu** See *koquu*

**kora** Same as *koree*

**koraan korreetti** *n* death rattle or death throes *koraan korreettiin isa*

*qabeera; sichi hin fayyu* He is in his death throes; he won't recover.

**korachuu** *tv* choose, pick, or select, usu a person for hunting/voyage companionship, a team, etc. *wal koratanii biyyaa bayani* After they had chosen one another, they left the village together.

**koranguddaa** Same as *koronguddaa*

**korbeessa** *adj, n* 1 ram; he-goat  
**korbeessa hoolaa** ram  
**korbeessa reettii** he-goat or billy-goat 2 male (sheep or goat) *hoolaan kee korbeessa moo korbeettii dhaltee?* Did your ewe drop (yeen/give birth to) a male or a female?

**korbeettii** *n* ewe; she-goat

**korboo** *n* 1 circle 2 Same as *geengoo*

**koree** *n* 1 committee 2 Same as *darabee*

**koriyaa** *n* small, black beans

**korjaa** Same as *korojoo*

**korjoo** Same as *korojoo*

**korkoda** See *korkoduu*<sup>2</sup>

**korkodaa** See *korkoduu*<sup>1</sup>

**korkodamuu** See *korkoduu*<sup>2</sup>

**korkoduu**<sup>1</sup> *tv* 1 tickle *nan korkodin* Don't tickle me. See also *qirqiduu* 2 weed, i.e., take weeds, usu out of corn crops *boqqolloo korkoda* He is weeding corn crop. 3 pick, i.e., clean with fingers, sharp instrument, etc. *funyaan kee hin korkodin* Do not pick your nose.  
**korkodaa** *n* weeding

**korkoduu**<sup>2</sup> *tv* 1 hobble, i.e., tie two legs of a sheep, goat, donkey, mule, or horse to prevent the animal from going far away *hoolaa korkoddee gadhiifte* She hobbled the sheep and let it go. 2 cause to lead a miserable existence **korkoda** *n* 1 hobbling 2 miserable existence  
**korkodamuu** *tv* 1 (passive) be hobbled 2 forced to lead a miserable existence

**korkorii** Same as *albaatii* or *qeberoo*

**korkorsuu** *iv, tv* rattle *maali inni eda korkorsaa bule?* What was it that was rattling all night last night?

**korma** *adj, n* 1 bull, usu uncastrated *sangaa korma* an uncastrated bull 2 (fig) Same as *kormee* **kormoomsaa** *n* semen or sperm

**kormaa** *adj, n* cock *kormaan inni guddaan kaleessa du'e* The big cock died yesterday. *kormaa indaaqqoo* cock

**korma afaanii** *adj* courageous (in mere words)

**kormammuu** *n* wart or veruca

**kormee** *adj* clever; bull, i.e., strong or tough as a young bull *qonnaa dhaan kormee dha* He is clever and tough at farming *Biqilaan figichoo dhaan kormee dha* Biqilaa is a clever and tough runner.

**kormommuu** Same as *kormammuu*

**kormomsaa** See *korma*

**kormoomuu** *iv* become clever, courageous, or tough *akka durii xeellaa miti; amma kormoomera*

He is not the coward that he was; now he has become courageous.

**korofee** *n* local beer that has not settled and become clear; see also *bordee*

**korojaa** Same as *koroojoo*

**koroojoo** *n* 1 wallet; leather bag 2 hide/skin of cattle

**korommii** *n* pl form of *kormaa*

**koromtoo** *n* 1 male buffalo 2 (fig) young person; youth *ijoollee*  
*koromtoo shan manaa qabu* They have five young children at home.

**koronguda** Same as *koronguddaa*

**koronguddaa** *n* a large lizard, probably an alligator

**korony'oo** Same as *qoronyoo*

**korophisa** Same as *kuruphisa*

**kororimaa** *n* a kind of spice, probably coriander or cilantro [coriandrum sativum, of the parsley family]

**kororsuu** *iv* gagle *bishaan afaanitti naqatee kororsa* He gargles his mouth with water.

**korortoo** Same as *bidiruu* (1)

**korpheessa** Same as *korbeessa*

**korreentii** *n* electricity; electric current

**korrisa** See *korrisuu*

**korrisuu** *iv* 1 (applies to guereza or colobus monkey or *weennii*) chatter or howl *weenniin korrisaa bule* The colobus monkey was chattering all night. 2 snore *baay'ee korrisa* He snores a lot. See also *kurruufuu*<sup>1</sup> 3 (usu) applies to the noise produced

when water filled hookah or hubble-bubble is smoked) bubble *gaayyaan ni/in korrisa* The water in the hookah bubbles when the hookah is smoked.

**korrisa weennii** *adv* early in the morning when the colobus monkey chatters or howls *korrisa weennii manaa baane* We left early in the morning.

**kortoo** Same as *gobanii*

**koronguddaa** Same as *koronguddaa*

**koruu** *iv* 1 mount, i.e., mount a female animal, usu in order to copulate *harreen farda kora* A jack ass mounts a mare. 2 spur, i.e., hit with a spur to make a horse or mule a person is riding go fast *farda koree kaafate* He spurred the horse on. **kooraa** *n* 1 saddle 2 hill top or spur, usu resembling a saddle **kooraa fannisuu** *iv* be poor [lit to hang a saddle after the loss of one's horse or mule] *eega kooraa fannisee bubbuleera* It has been

quite sometime since he became poor. **kooreeffachuu** *tv* prepare a mule or a horse for riding by harnessing it

**koseessuu** *tv* 1 dump or pile garbage in one place *obdii fi boroo mana ofii koseessuun tisiisaa namatti fida* Dumping/Piling garbage near one's house is inviting flies. 2 fertilize a farm land by scattering garbage over it *iddoo kana dura koseessii booda qullubbii irratti dhaabi* First



fertilize this plot with garbage and then plant garlic on it. **kosii** *n* 1 yard, i.e., a tract of ground surrounding a house, usu used for growing vegetables, corn, flowers, etc. *boqqolloon inni kosii kootii bilchaateera* The corn which is in my yard is ripe. 2 garbage or manure, i.e. a mixture of ashes, cow dung, peels, etc. *kosiin lafa xaawomsa* Garbage can fertilize a plot of land. 3 garbage, i.e., refuse, filth, or dirt 4 (fig) hussy, i.e., ill-mannered or worthless girl or woman  
**koshaa** 1 Same as *golgee* (2) under *golguu* 2 poor quality chili  
**kosholee** *n* (usu of clothes) shoddy or cheap *kittaa kosholee* a shoddy shirt  
**kooshommii** *n* a kind of tree with edible fruit  
**koshoree** Same as *boqqolloo*  
**koshoroo** Same as *hossee*  
**kosii** See *koseessuu*  
**kosombee** Same as *kossoo*  
**kosora** Same as *kossoo*  
**kosorota** *n* a sweet smelling bark of a certain tree used for processing butter  
**kosorruu** *n* thistle-like plant  
**kossoo** *n* dry, corn or maize stalk usu used as firewood  
**kosuu** *iv* (usu negative) be available, i.e., with no shortage or nothing lacking *mana isaatii farsoon hin kosu* Beer is always available in his house.  
**kota'uu** *tv* 1 weed unwanted plants in a field of crop by

digging *boqqolloo kota'e* He weeded the corn crop (by digging up the weeds). 2 (used of chickens) scratch about (for sth) *indaaqqoon qeyee kotaati* The chickens are scratching about in the compound.  
**kotota** *n* stuff, i.e., personal belongings *kotota kee fudhuu bayi* Take all your stuff and leave.  
**kototee** *n* a kind of bean  
**kottaa** (vocative expression used only with 2<sup>nd</sup> person pl/honorific) come *bor kottaa farsoo dhugaa* Come tomorrow and drink beer.  
**kottaawuu** *iv* (used of joints, muscles, or parts of the body) become stiff *arki koo qorraan kottaaye* My hands became stiff with cold. *sangaan du'ee kottaayeera* The ox is lying stiff in death. **kotteessuu** *tv* 1 cause to be stiff *qorri cimaan nama kotteessa* Freezing cold makes one become stiff. 2 make fast, tight, or firmly fixed, held, etc. *kotteessii hidhi* Tie it securely and firm.  
**kotte duudaa** See *kottee*  
**kottee** *n* 1 hoof (usu of cattle, donkey, horse, or mule) 2 track or foot print of a beast/animals such as horse, mule, ox, etc. *kottee booyyeen arge* I saw tracks left by a wild pig/boar. **kotte duudaa** *adj, n* animals with undivided hoofs; not cloven hoofed, e.g. donkey, horse, mule *foon kotte duudaa hin nyaatamu jedhu* They say meat of animals

with undivided hoofs is not eaten.

**kotte harree** Same as *qocinoo*

**kotteessuu** See *kottaawuu*

**kottoonfachiisuu** See

*kottoonfachuu*

**kottoonfachuu** *iv* huddle up

*kottoonfattee ciisuu jaal'atti* She

likes to huddle up and sleep.

**kottoonfahiisuu** *tv* cause to

huddle up *qorratu na*

*kottoonfachiise* The cold weather

made me huddle up.

**kottoonfannaa** *n* huddling up

*kottoonfannaa jaal'ata* He likes to

huddle up.

**kottoonfannaa** See *kottoonfachuu*

**kottoonfii** Same as *kottoonfannaa*

under *kottoonfachuu*

**kottu** (vocative expression used

only with 2<sup>nd</sup> person, sing) come

*bor kottuu farsoo dhugi* Come and

drink beer tomorrow.

**ko'ummaa** Same as *ko'uma* under

*ko'oomuu*

**ko'uma** See *ko'oomuu*

**kubbaa** *n* ball **kubbaa gimbolaa** *n*

basket ball **kubbaa harkaa** *n*

volley ball **kubbaa miillaa** *n*

football (soccer)

**kubbaayyaa** *n* cup (with or

without a handle) used for

drinking beer or for measuring

grain, honey, butter, etc.

**kubee** *n* a kind of sorghum

**kubursaawuu** Same as *furfuruu*

**kuburuu** *n* 1 knot or node, i.e., a

hard joint of a plant from which

a stem or branch grows 2

swelling; see also *iita* under *iita'uu*

**kuchubbii** *adj* (used of size) small

*qullubbii kuchubbii* small size

garlic

**kudha** See *kudhan*

**kudhaa** *adj* of a person who is an

evil-doer; evil-minded

**kudhaama** See *kudhaamuu*

**kudhaammachuu** See *kudhaamuu*

**kudhaamuu** *tv* prepare an amulet

by putting sth (what is inside is

known only to the man "healer"

who makes the amulet) in a

piece of leather and then sewing

it, leaving a small hole for a

string **kudhaama** *n* charm,

amulet, or talisman

**kudhaammachuu** *iv* have an

amulet made and wear it for

good luck or to ward off evil

*eegan kudhaammadhee asi dhukkubi*

*koo natti wayyaayeera jetti* She

says that she now feels better

after she has acquired an amulet.

**kudhan** *adj*, *n* ten (10) **kudha** *adj*

used in counting eleven (11) to

nineteen (19) *kudha tokko... kudha*

*lama...kudha sagal*

eleven...twelve...

nineteen **kudhanaffaa** *adj* tenth

(10<sup>th</sup>) *daadhiin kun kudhanaffaa*

*keessan* This is your tenth (10<sup>th</sup>)

glass of mead. **kudha arfan** *n*

fortnight, i.e., a period of two

weeks *kudha arfan kaleessaa dhufte*

She came a fortnight ago

yesterday. *kudha arfan borii*

*dufe/dhufa* He came/will come a

fortnight from tomorrow.

**kurdhan** *adj, n* (takes *tokko*)  
about ten *birri kurdhan tokko naa liqeessi* Lend me about ten birri.  
**kurnaala** *adj, n* (used in the armed forces) corporal *obboleessi isaa kurnaala ta'eera* His brother has become a corporal  
**kudhanaffaa** See *kudhan*  
**kudhaniyee** Same as *kudhan*  
**kudharfan** See *kudhan*  
**kuduraa** *n* vegetable **kuduraa fi fudura** vegetables and fruits  
**kuduraa fi mudura** Same as *kuduraa fi fudura*  
**kufaatii** See *kufuu*  
**kufaaya** Same as *quxxii*  
**kuffisaa** See *kufuu*  
**kuffisuu** See *kufuu*  
**kuf jechuu** *iv* (usu used of dough or pregnancy) rise; show up *bukoon kuf jedheera* The dough has risen. *ulfi isee kuf jedheera* Her pregnancy has shown up, i.e., has become visible/ conspicuous.  
**kuftakkaa** Same as *benii*  
**kufuu** *iv* **1** fall *qola muusii irra ejjetee mucucaatee kufe* He slipped on a banana peel and fell down. **2** fail or be unsuccessful in one's education or examination *qorumsa isee eega kuftee asi jabaattee baruu jalqabde* Ever since she failed her examination, she has started to study hard. **3** die usu in in a battle field; fall *lafa waraanaatti kufe* He fell in a battle field **kufaatii** *n* fall *kufaatii gadhee kufe* He had a terrible fall.  
**kuffisaa** *adj, n* **1** one who causes

a fall (usu a hunter's bragging when he hits an animal and makes it fall) *Barii ruudaa* who is a well known hunter shoots a big game and immediately says: *kuffisaa Rudaa!* **2** epilepsy *kuffisaa qabdi* She is epileptic. **kuffisuu** *tv* **1** (of a horse or a mule) throw or spill, i.e., cause a rider to fall *farda iseetu isa kuffise* Her horse spilled/spilt him. **2** (of slippery ground, dizziness, etc.) cause to fall *lafa mucuca sanatu na kuffise* That slippery ground made me fall down. **3** (of a wrestler) throw *wal'aansoo dhaan si'a laman isa kuffise* In the wrestling match, I threw him down twice.

**kujjura** Same as *gobbuu* under *gobbachuu*  
**kujjuraawuu** Same as *gobbachuu*  
**kukkubbaa** *n* a black scarf worn over the hair by women  
**kul kul** an expression for calling chickens  
**kulkula** *n* **1** node/nodule, i.e., lump, harmless bump or swelling, usu permanent, on the body; protuberance; probably benign tumor **2** growth loosely hanging on the necks of some sheep or goats **3** Same as *aaloo*  
**kulkulfachuu** Same as *qunqunfachuu*  
**kulkulshaa** Same as *liphaallibsa*  
**kulkulshuu** Same as *liphaallibsa*  
**kulkultaa** Same as *gutichaa*  
**kulkuluu koo jechuu** (sound imitation) make this sound *kormaan indaaqqoo kootii kulkuluu*

*koo jedhee na dammaqse* my cock made the *kulkuluu* sound and woke me up. cf., *iyyuu* (3) which is more common

**kullii**<sup>1</sup> *n* (usu applies to cooperative work) turn *bor kullii Safuuti* Tomorrow is Safuu's turn, i.e., members of the cooperative association will work for Safuu tomorrow.

**kullii**<sup>2</sup> Same as *hunda* or *hundi*

**kullomii** *adv* all the time; every day *kullomii achii isa hin dhabdu* You won't fail to find him there all the time

**kullooda** Same as *jirma* (1)

**kululluu** *adj* (of cattle, goat, or sheep) hornless, i.e., without horns

**kululuu** *tv* (usu used of pumpkin plant) begin to develop bud *buqqeen kululeera* The pumpkin has budded.

**kuluuluu** *n* pumpkin bud; see also *cuuraa*

**kuma** *adj*, *n* thousand (1000) *kumaa fi tokko, kumaa fi lama ... kumaa fi sagal* one thousand (and) one (1001), one thousand (and) two (1002) ... one thousand (and) nine (1009) *kuma kudhan* (10,000) ten thousand *kuma dhibba sagal* (900,000) nine hundred thousand **abbaa kumaa** *n* major (in the army)

**kumaatama** *adj*, *n* thousands

**kuma kitila** *adj*, *n* probably one million

**kumala** *n* thick cotton cloth usu used as a blanket

**kumbaa** *n* a short, almost dwarfish, mule

**kumbullii** Same as *kaboochuu*

**kumee** *n* a very common ladie's name; means she is worth a thousand

**kumja'uu** Same as *gunja'uu*

**kumkumii** See *kumkumuu*

**kumkummee** Same as *kumkumii* under *kumkumuu*

**kumkumsiisuu** See *kumkumuu*

**kumkumuu** *iv* dance with a jiggle/joggle-like movement, usu by standing in one place facing the partners **kumkumii** *n* usu a group dance in which the partners face each other and make joggle-like movements **kumkumsiisuu** *tv* cause to dance, i.e., by organizing people *eda mana isaatti nu kumkumsiisaa bule* He made us dance in his house all night last night.

**kummunsuu** See *kumunuu*

**kumul gochuu** Same as *dhangalaasuu* (1) under *dhangala'uu*

**kumunuu** *iv* (physical) grow too slowly *mucaan kun ni/in kumuna* This child grows too slowly.

**kummunsuu** *v* exploit sb and thus make him/her poor *abbaa lafaatu na kummunse* The feudal lord exploited me and made me poor.

**kun 1** (demonstrative adjective; sing) this *manni kun kooti* This house is mine. *biyyi kun iyyeessa* This country is poor. **2** (demonstrative pronoun; sing)

this one; the one *inni kun kan kooti* This one is mine. *inni kuniyoo?* And what about this one? *inni ati barbaaddu asi hin jiru* The one you are looking for is not here. *kun kan eenyuuti?* Whose is this?

**kunniin** *pron* these *kunniin maal?* What are these *kunniin keessaa* of these

**kunoo** *adv* **1** here *kunoo asi jirti* Here she is. *kunoo fudhu* Here, take it. *kunoo dhaggeeffidhaa* Here, listen to it. *kunoo iddoo kana na dhukkuba* It hurts here. *kunoo dhufan* Here they come! **2** (interrogative) and whose is this/are these *kunoo kan eenyuuti?* And whose is this? *ijoolleen kunoo, kan isaatii?* And these children here, are they his?

**kunooti** *adv* here it is/here they are Speaker A: *Sangaan koo eessa jira?* Where is my ox? Speaker B: *kunooti* Here he/it is. *jabbilee koo argitee?* Have you seen my calvers? *kunooti* Here they are.

**kunuunsa** See *kunuunsuu*

**kunuunsuu** *tv* **1** care for sb/sth; look after sb/sth properly *ilma isee kunuunsitee guddifatte* She took good care of her son and brought him up. **2** Same as *funuunsuu* under *funuunuu*  
**kunuunsa** *n* care *kunuunsa daa'ima* child care

**kunyatee** *adj* homely; somewhat ugly

**kupha** *n* arch-enemy, usu feud enemy *jarri walii kupha* They are arch-enemies of each other..

**kuphaa** Same as *anqaaquu* (*n*); see also *buphaa*

**kura** Same as *ashaboo/sogidda*

**kuraawuu** *iv* (of relishes, food, etc.) have salt in it; taste salty  
**kuramuu** *tv* (passive) [of salt] be added to **kureeffachuu** *tv* add salt, sugar, etc. for self *ittootti sogidda kureeffattee akka inni mi'aawu goote* She added salt to the stew and made it delicious.

**kuramuu** See *kuraawuu*

**kur'arfan** Same as *kudha arfan* under *kudhan*

**kurbeessa** Same as *korbeessa*

**kurdhan** See *kudhan*

**kureeffachuu** See *kuraawuu*

**kurfaa** *adj* (of animals or humans) short *nama kuraa* a short person; see also *gabaabaa* (which also applies to things) under *gabaabbachuu*

**kurfaawuu** *iv* **1** be ready *hundumtuu kurfaayeera* Everything is ready; see also *qophaawuu* **2** be organized *nama dhibba torba ta'anii kurfaayani* Seven hundred persons organized themselves into one association. **kurfeessuu** *tv* **1** make ready *hundumaa kurfeessi na eegi* Make everything ready and wait for me. **2** organize *kaadree tokkotu nu kurfeesse* A cadre organized us. **3** Same as *guuruu* (**1**) **kurfii** *n* **1** prepara-

tion; radio/TV program *kurfii raadiyoonii kaleessaa kan qopheessee dhiyeesse Badhaadhaa Simaati* Yesterday's radio program had been prepared and presented by Badhaadhaa Simaa. 2 organization

**kurfee** *n* a variety of sorgho/  
sorgo

**kurfeessuu** See *kurfaawuu*

**kurfii** See *kurfaawuu*

**kurii**<sup>1</sup> *n* 1 dear, i.e., a term of endearment, usu used with small children *kurii koo maal barbaadda?* What do you want, my dear child? 2 (fig) shout or yell a lot *iyya kurii buuse* He yelled a lot

**kurii**<sup>2</sup> *n* pool, i.e., a small body of stagnant water; a pond

**kurkuduu** *n* 1 a vicious, white worm that lives in the ground and bites people like bed bugs or fleas do 2 Same as *gugee*

**kurkummii** See *kurkumuu*

**kurkumuu** *tv* knuckle, i.e., hit sb, usu children, on the head with the knuckles of the fist *na kurkume* He knuckled me on the head. **kurkummii** *n* the act of hitting sb on the head with the knuckles of the fist *kurkummii dhaan isa iyyisiise* He made him cry by hitting him on the head with the knuckles of the fist.

**kurkur** (expression) sound used to call a donkey *harree ganama bade galgala kurkuriin hin galchu* (saying) Saying *kurkur* in the evening, does not bring home a

donkey that was lost in the morning [Don't procrastinate; take action immediately]

**kurkura** See *kurkuruu*

**kurkuraa** See *kurkuruu*

**kurkursuu** *tv* 1 train a young bull to work *dibicha koo isatu naa kurcourse* He was the one who trained my young bull to work. 2 trade in, i.e., be in a small business *sogidda kurkursitee ittiin jiraatti* She makes a living by trading in salt. 3 bring up with care, usu a child with potentialities *mucaa kee kormee kana kurkursi* Bring up your clever child with a special care. See also *kunuunsuu* (1)

**kurkurtuu** See *kurkuruu*

**kurkuruu** *iv* toddle *mucaan ko kurkuruu jalqabeera* My child has started to toddle. **kurkura** *n* toddle, i.e., the act of toddling *ilmi koo kurkura jalqabeera* My child/son has started toddling. **kurkuraa** *n* (of male child) toddler **kurkurtuu** *n* (of female child) toddler

**kurma** See *kurmamuu*

**kurmaana**<sup>1</sup> *n* quarter, i.e., fourth part (1/4<sup>th</sup>)

**kurmaana**<sup>2</sup> Same as *amoolee*

**kurmamuu** *iv* (applies to belch/burp) have bad smell/odor **kurma** *n* foul smelling belch; burp with bad odor

**kurna** *n* about ten; tenth *kurna isaatti dhufe* He came on his tenth day.

**kurnaala** See *kudhan*  
**kurnaffaa** Same as *kudhanaffaa*  
 under *kudhan*  
**kurnan tokko** Same as *kurdhan*  
*tooko* under *kudhan*  
**kurnoo** *n* tithe  
**kurraasii** *n* kerosene lamp  
**kurree** Same as *cugqaallaa* under  
*cugqaaluu* [?]  
**kurruuffii** See *kurruufuu*<sup>1</sup>  
**kurruufuu**<sup>1</sup> *iv* snore baay'ee  
*kurruufti* She snores a lot.  
**kurruuffii** *n* snore *kurruuffiin*  
*isaa fagootti dhagayama* His snores  
 can be heard from a distance  
**kurruufuu**<sup>2</sup> *iv* fruit well *kookiin koo*  
*barana kurruufee wajjin jige* My  
 peach tree fruited so well that it  
 fell down (because of the weight  
 of the peaches).  
**kursii** Same as *barcuma*  
**kurumbaa** Same as *raafuu*  
**kurundhuufa** *n* clove, i.e., spice  
**kuruphee** *n* madoqua or small  
 gazelle; kilpspringer; dik kik;  
 duiker  
**kuruphisa** *n* grasshopper  
**kuruphisuu** *iv* gambol; frolic  
*jabbiin ni/in kuruphifiti* The calf is  
 gamboling.  
**kuruphoo** Same as *kuruphee*  
**kuruu** Same as *naquu* (5)  
**kuruuruu** Same as *qeberoo*  
**kusaayee** *n* plant with good smell,  
 usu used as a broom or for  
 fumigating milk utensils  
**kushaa** *n* clitoris  
**kushuukushuu** Same *libaalibsuu*  
**kusii** Same as *deeqqoo* under  
*deeqqa'uu*

**kutaa**<sup>1</sup> See *kutuu*  
**kutaa**<sup>2</sup> *n* loose garment with  
 fringe worn over coat or dress  
**kutachiisuu** See *kutuu*<sup>1</sup>  
**kutachuu** See *kutuu*<sup>1</sup>  
**kutannoo** See *kutuu*<sup>1</sup>  
**kutataa** See *kutuu*<sup>1</sup>  
**kutattuu** See *kutuu*<sup>1</sup>  
**kutii**<sup>1</sup> See *kutuu*<sup>1</sup>  
**kutii**<sup>2</sup> expression used when  
 calling chickens  
**kuttee** Same as *kutuu*<sup>2</sup>  
**kutti** Same as *kutii*<sup>2</sup>  
**kuttuu** See *kutuu*<sup>1</sup>  
**kutuu**<sup>1</sup> *tv* 1 cut; cut off, i.e.,  
 separate into parts or penetrate  
 with a sharp-edged instrument  
*quba isee aalbee dhaan ofirraa kutte*  
*She cut off her finger (accident-*  
*ally) with a knife.* 2 pluck, i.e.,  
 pick flowers, fruit, etc., *abaaboo*  
*kuttee urgeeffatte* She plucked a  
 flower and smelled it. 3 (usu  
 used of rope) sever or break  
*funyoo kana ni/in kuttaa hin*  
*arkisin.* Do not pull this rope,  
 you will break it. 4 cut conver-  
 sation, discussion, proceedings,  
 etc. short; conclude or bring a  
 conversation, etc. to an end *atuu*  
*inni dubbii isaa dafee kutee ni/in*  
*deemna* If he concludes his talk  
 fast, we will leave. 5 (of cloth)  
 cut and take out of a loom after  
 weaving a specified length  
*shammaaneen qamisii isee kaleessa*  
*kuteef* The weaver finished  
 weaving her dress yesterday. 6  
 (takes *dugda*) feel, have, or suffer  
 from pain in the back *har'a dugda*

*na kuta* I feel pain in the back today. **kutaa** *n* 1 measured or cut off lot or specified size of a plot of land to be plowed, weeded, etc. at a time *kutaa lama aramnee fixnee aara galfanne* We rested after weeding two measured off lots on the ground. See also *qabaa* (2) under *qabuu* 2 (neologism) part, i.e., division of a book, speech, education system, etc., *mana barnootaa kutaa tokko/lama elementary/secondary school* 3 partions in a house e.g. *kutaa irribaa* bedroom 4 the highest division of an administrative region equivalent to a country **kutachiisuu** *tv* 1 cause to cut 2 cause milk to stop flowing by making a cow nervous, for instance, by pulling a calf that has been sucking suddenly away 3 (takes *abdii*) cause to despair *jabeenyi tokkummaa keenyaa jara abdii kutachiise* Our strong unity has made them despair. **kutachuu** *iv, tv* 1 pluck a flower, fruit, etc., for self *loomii kutate* He plucked a lemon for self 2 slice off, usu bread for self *buddeena kutatee nyaate* He sliced off bread and ate it. 3 make up one's mind; be resolute or be firmly determined *ilmi isee koleejii galuuf kutateera* Her son has made up his mind to go to college 4 (applies to sth with which an animal is tied) cut off or sever, usu by pulling *sangaan funyoo kutatee fiige* The ox cut the rope

and ran. 5 Same as *dhanna qabachuu* under *dhanna* 6 (usu takes *garaa*) sever relationship with a relative, a close friend, etc. *obboleessa isaatiif garaa kutateera* He has severed his relationship with his brother. **kutannoo** *n* determination **kutataa** *adj* (of male humans) decisive, determined, or resolute *kutataan marqaa baalatti nyaata* (saying) A determined man eats porridge on a leaf [if there is no plate, so what!] **kutattuu** *adj* (usu of female humans) resolute / determined **kutii** *n* an issue that causes a severance of relationship **kuttuu** *n* a mischief maker, i.e., a person who speaks in order to cause quarrels or unfriendly feelings between people **nama namattii kutuu** *tv* stop sb from seeing/dealing with another *ilma isaanii natti kutaniiru* They have stopped their son from seeing me or dealing with me. **kutuu**<sup>2</sup> *iv* go; go/move past *asiin gadi kute* He went down this way. **kuubuu** *adj, n* hunch-back/humpback; hunch-backed/humppacked **kuufachuu** Same as *kuusachuu* under *kuusuu* **kuukabee** Same as *jinii* **kuukii** Same as *kookii* **kuukkeessuu** *tv* cause children's stomach to swell; cause kwashiorkor for lack of protein



in the diet *garaa mucaa kootii waan akkana kuukkesse im beeku* I don't know what made my child's stomach swell like that. **kuukkii** *n* 1 kwashiorkor 2 (usu malaria) deep-rooted or deep-seated chronic disease *kuukkiin busaa dhanna keessaa im bawu* Deep-seated malaria germs cannot be gotten rid of one's system.

**kuukkifachuu**<sup>1</sup> See *kuukkisuu*

**kuukkifachuu**<sup>2</sup> bear/have/hold a grudge against sb *waan an jedheen sana ni/in kuukkifate fakaata* It appears that he holds a grudge against me because of what I said to him. **kuukkii** *n* grudge *kuukkii garaa dhaa qaba; naan hin aasa'u* He won't speak with me because he bears a grudge against me.

**kuukkii**<sup>1</sup> See *kuukkessuu*

**kuukkii**<sup>2</sup> See *kuukkisuu*

**kuukkii**<sup>3</sup> See *kuukkifachuu*<sup>2</sup>

**kuukkisuu** *tv* (superstition) move an object (with which an eye had been hurt) round and round the eye in the belief that the pain will go away *ija isaa kuukkisiif* Move the object (with which his eye had been hurt) round and round his eye so that his pain will go away. **kuukkifachuu** *tv* (superstition) move an object (with which one's eye/eyes) had been hurt round and round one's eye/eyes for self Speaker A: *ulee isa ija kee dhayeen kuukkifadhu* Move the stick with

which your eye had been hurt round and round your eye (and make the pain go away). Speaker B: *kuukkii, kuukkii, har'a fayyii bor dhukkubi* Pain in the eye, go away for today and come back tomorrow. **kuukkii** *n* (superstition) pain in the eye

**kuula** See *kuuluu*<sup>2</sup>

**kuulamuu** See *kuuluu*

**kuulii** See *kuuluu*<sup>1</sup>

**kuullachuu** See *kuuluu*<sup>1</sup>

**kuullee** See *kuuluu*<sup>1</sup>

**kuuluu**<sup>1</sup> *tv* darken the eyebrow/eyelash by applying kohl, mascara, or eye shadow *ija kee eenyu sii kuule?* Who darkened your eyelashes/eyebrow for you? **kuulamuu** *tv* (of eyelashes or eyebrow) be darkened with kohl, mascara, or eye shadow **kuulii** *n* kohl, mascara, or eye shadow **kuullachuu** *tv* darken the eye brow/lashes for self *ija isee kuullattee dhufte* She darkened her eyebrow/lashes and came 2 (traditionally pejorative) *iw* be lewd *intala ija kuullatte* A lewd girl **kuullee** *adj* (usu of eyes of a female) beautiful *intla bareedduu ija kuullee* a beautiful girl with beautiful eyes 2 well known name given usu to a beautiful cow; beautiful *sa'a kuullee* a beautiful cow

**kuuluu**<sup>2</sup> *tv* add an ornamental fringe to cloth, dress, or shawl *qamisii kootti naa kuuli* Add a fringe to my dress. **kuula** *n*

fringe; cf., *daphoo* (2) under *daphachuu* **kuulamuu** *tv* (of fringe of cloth) be ornamented *qamisiin isee hin kuulamneef* An ornament is not added to the fringe of her dress.

**kuumbii** Same as *huumbii*

**kuun** Same as *kaan*

**kuunnoo** *adv* over there; there

*kuunnoo gama jira* over there

*yonder kuunnoo duhfutti jirti*

There/Over there, she is coming

(towards us). **kuunnooti** *adv* it's

over there *ilaali, kuunnooti* Look,

it's over there.

**kuurii** Same as *kurii*<sup>2</sup>

**kuusaa** See *kuusuu*

**kuusachuu** See *kuusuu*

**kuusuu** *tv* 1 pile; store sth up

*midhaan kuuftee dhirsaa isee eegde*

She stored up groceries and

waited for her husband's return.

2 suppress one's feelings; refrain

from expressing; keep

everything to one self *dubbii*

*garaatti kuufatee har'a futtaafate*

He gave vent to his suppressed

feelings today. **kuusaa** *n* pile/

sore, i.e., supply of sth kept for

use as/when needed *kuusaa*

*midhaan koo irraa kana duwwaatu*

*naa hafe* Of the store of grains I

had, only this much remained.

**kuusachuu** *iv, tv* 1 pile or store

for self 2 become very rich *orii*

*kuusateera* He has become very

rich (by accumulating and

saving money).

**kuwaa jechuu** *iv* (imitation of sound) fall and break with noise

or hit sth dry and produce noise  
*maal innin alaa kwaa jedhe?* What  
is it that made noise out side?

**kuwaasii** Same as *kubbaa*

**kuyyisa** *adj, n* 1 spice 2 mound or

anthill 3 short *namicha kuyyisa*

*kana eenyutu dubbii barsiise* Who

taught this short man how to

argue?

**kuyyubboo** *n* termite hill; see also

*koobi*

**kuyyuubbisa** Same as *kuyyubboo*;

see also *koobii*

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**laabba'uu** *iv* 1 wilt *baalli bunaa*

*laabba'eera* The coffee leaf has

wilted. 2 (fig) droop, be fatigued,

or be tired, *usu* from heat or

hunger *aduutu isa laabbesse* He

drooped from the heat of the

sun.

**laabuu** Same as *soofuu*

**laacelloo** Same as *qabeenya*

**laachuu** *tv* give; feed *birri shan naa*

*laate* He gave me five birri.

*midhaan naa laatte* She fed

me/She gave me food.

**laadana** Same as *gundoo*

**laafaa** See *laafuu*

**laaffifachuu** See *laafuu*

**laaffisoo** Same as *faffatoo* under

*faffatuu*

**laaffisuu** See *laafuu*

**laaftoo** *n* acacia; see also *sondii*

**laaftuu** See *laafuu*

**laafuu** *iv, tv* 1 (usu used of grains soaked in water) become soft *shumburaan laafeeraa naa akaayi* The chick pea (which has been soaked in water) has become soft; roast it for me. 2 (usu used of sth that has been tied) be/ become loose *hidhaan kophee kootii laafeera* My shoe lace has become loose. 3 (used of an ill person) become unconscious or become to weak to live; *akkoon kee laafaniiru* Your grandmother has become unconscious; she's in a coma/ she has gone into a coma; pass away; die *akkoon kee jiru moo laafaniiru?* Is your grandmother alive or dead? See also *dadhabuu* (3) 4 have a soft heart, be soft-hearted, or be sympathetic *garaan isaa naa laafeera* He is sympathetic to me. 5 (of soil) be loose, i.e., be soft because properly cultivated or tilled to a good tilth *lafti laafeeraa yoom sanyii facaafa?* The soil is loose, i.e., it is cultivated to a good tilth; when are you going to sow? **laafaa** *adj* 1 soft *gogaa laafaa* soft leather *dhanha laafaa* soft body/skin 2 loose *hidhaa laafaa* loose knot 3 (of semi-liquid food, e.g. gruel, porridge) cereals *waan laafaa laafaa nyaadhu* Eat semi-liquid cereals. **laaffifachuu** *tv* 1 soak, usu grain for self so that it becomes easy to grind 2 soften sb's heart for self *boossee garaa isaa laaffifatte* She cried and

made him soften towards her. **laaffisuu** *tv* 1 soak, usu grain for a period of time *boqqolloo dhuubdee laaffiftee daakte* She made the corn soft (by soaking it) and ground it. 2 make a little loose or loosen, usu what has been tied; ease, relax, or slacken *hidhaa sa'aa laaffifteef* She slackened the rope with which the cow was tied. 3 cause to soften, usu used of a person who has been unsympathetic or heartless *boossee garaa isaa laaffifatte* She softened his heart by crying 4 (usu of illness) cause to be very weak; debilitate *dhukkubatu isa laaffise* A disease debilitated him. 5 cultivate to a good tilth; loosen the soil, i.e., prepare land properly for growing crops *lafa laaffisee qote* He cultivated the soil to a good tilth **laaftuu** *adj* (usu of females) 1 weak *dubartii laaftuu* a weak woman 2 very slow in doing sth

**laagaa** *n* mouth; palate *laagaan isaa madaayeera* His palate is sore.

**laagaa bal'isuu** *iv* shout; yell *maa laagaa natti bal'ifta?* Why are you shouting at me? **laagaa banuu** Same as *laagaa bal'isuu* above **laagaan cufamuu** *iv* lose one's voice due to the disturbance of the vocal organs *laagaan isaa cufameera; hin haasa'u* He can't talk due to vocal organ problem.

**laahoo** *n* bow, i.e., curved; strip of wood used for shooting

arrows; see also *futtaasee* under *futta'uu*

**laakii** Same as *garuu*<sup>2</sup>

**laakkam** *n* a crow-like bird with a big beak

**laalaa** See *laalachuu*

**laalachuu** *iv* 1 feel or have tingling pain *abbaan mucaa isaa rukutee laalesse* The father beat his child and made him/her feel tingling pain. 2 (of skin) swell *arki koo lafa inni na rukute na laalate* The place where he hit me on the hand has swollen **laalaa** *n* lesson that serves as a warning *laalaa abbaan koo na rukute ammayyuu hin irraanfanne* I haven't forgotten the lesson (the beating) I got from my father.

**laalcha** *n* pain, sorrow, or torture **laaleffachuu** *iv* remember the pain of punishment or insult; hold a grudge **laalessuu** *tv* teach one a lesson one will never forget, i.e., punish severely *gaafa ani mana barnootaatii oole abbaan koo na qabee na laalessee* The day I played truant (hooky), my father caught me and taught me a lesson I have not forgotten ever since.

**laalcha** See *laalachuu*

**laaleffachuu** See *laalachuu*

**laalessaa** *n* a kind of tree

**laalessuu** See *laalachuu*

**laaleysaa** Same as *laalessaa*

**laallachuu** Same as *ilaallachuu*

**laallannaa** Same as *ilaallachuu*

**laallee** *adj, n* 1 voice *laalleen isaa badeera* He has lost his voice. 2 sound; noise *laalleen dhagaya* I hear a noise. 3 talkative *namittii laallee* a talkative man 4 goat; see also *lalee*

**laaluu** Same as *ilaaluu* (1)

**laambaa** Same as *kurraasii*

**laambobuu** Same as *lamboobuu*

**laamshawuu** *iv* be paralyzed **laamshessuu** *tv* cause to be paralyzed **laamshoo** *adj* 1 (of a person) paralyzed 2 weak *namittiin laamshoon kun humaa sirriitti hin ojatu* This weak man can't do anything right. See also *laasha'uu*

**laanqessaa** *n* 1 climber, i.e., a kind of plant (with a sticky bark) that grows by trailing over sth 2 a kind of tree that has a sticky bark

**laanquxaawuu** *iv* languish, i.e., become weak or feeble by hard work, hunger, or heat *gatii aduu hamaa keessa ojyataa ooleef laanquxaaye* He languished because he had been working under the intense heat of the sun all day. See also *laabba'uu* (2)

**laanquxeessuu** *tv* 1 (usu used of dough, mud, or wet clay) knead *arka isee saabunaa dhaan dhiqattee bukoo laanquxeessite* She washed her hands with soap and kneaded the dough. 2 Same as *lanqaxuu*

**laapha'uu** Same as *laabba'uu*

**laaqana** *n* lunch

**laaqii** See *laaquu*

**laaqqachuu** See *laaquu*

**laaqsisuu** See *laaquu*

**laaquu** *tv* 1 smear, i.e., spread or daub with too much butter, mud, or any substance that is sticky, greasy, or dirty *dhadhaa fuul iseetti laaqxe* She smeared her face with butter. 2 play in mud with feet/hands *ijoolleen dhoqqee laaqaa oolan* The children were playing in the mud all day.

**laaqii** *n* mud **laaqqachuu** *tv* smear oneself with *dhadhaa laaqqatte* She smeared herself with too much butter. **laaqsisuu** *tv* cause to smear *eenyutu mucaa kana dhoqqee laaqsise?* Who made this child smear himself with mud (i.e., by leaving him near mud)? **waliin laaquu** *tv* confuse/mix up, usu an issue *dubbii waliin laaqxi* She mixes up issues.

**laasha'uu** *iv* be paralyzed *arki isaa ni/in laasha'e* His hand is paralyzed. **laashessuu** *tv* 1 paralyze *dhukkubichi miilla isaa laashesse fakkaata* It seems that the disease paralyzed his leg. 2 debilitate; fill with langor *agabuutu na laashesse* Hunger filled me with langor.

**laashessuu** See *laasha'uu*

**laastikii** *n* rubber band; rubber

**laata** *adv* (an interrogative expression that comes at the end of a sentence) could, might, or would each indicating fear, possibility, uncertainty *yoom dhufan laata?* When could they

have come? *maal isa gochuuf laata?* What would they do to him? *maal taate laata?* What could have happened to her? *dhukkubsattee ooltee laata?* Could it be that she was absent because of illness?

**laaxaa** *n* lumber, usu after it has been split *laaxaa dhaan mana isaa ijaare* He built his house with lumber.

**laayyee** Same as *laayyoo* under *laayyessuu*

**laayyessuu** *tv* treat sth (that could be/is serious) as if it were a joke or trivial; make light of *dhukkuba kee kana itti hin laayessin* Don't make light of your illness

**laayyoo** *n* light, i.e., not serious or important; jest or joke *dhukkubi isaa laayyoo miti*. His disease is not light/His illness is no joke! *waan laayyoo ol fudhanii muka arra kaawu* They make a mountain out of a mole-hill (lit pick up sth trivial and put it on a tree).

**laayyoo** See *laayyessuu*

**laba** See *labuu*

**laballabuu** *tv* singe, i.e. burn slightly usu with flame

**labana** Same as *dhaloota*

**labanii** *n* musket

**labbaa** Same as *tabba*

**labbisa** See *labbisuu*

**labbisuu** *iv* (usu used of grass) grow luxuriantly or lush *margi labbiseera* Grass has grown lush. **labbisa** *n* lush grass *labbisi xobbeen sa'a albaasa* Young, lush

grass causes cattle to have diarrhea.

**labduu** See *labuu*

**labobaa**<sup>1</sup> *n* 1 pinion or feather 2 eyelashes

**labobaa**<sup>2</sup> Same as *lata* under *latuu*

**labooba** *n* flame

**laboobaa** See *laboobuu*

**laboobessaa** Same as *qoochoo*

**laboobuu** *iv* wander around *asii fi achi laboobaa oolti* She wanders around all day **laboobaa** *adj* (of a male human) wanderer; vagabond *namichi labooban kun har'as mana hin jiruu?* Is this wanderer not at home today, too? See also *jooruu* (1); see also *labuu*

**labsii** See *labsuu*

**labsuu** *iv* 1 cry, i.e., proclaim and announce in public *bor yaa'iin jira jedhanii labsaniiru* They have announced that there will be a meeting tomorrow. 2 hide, usu animals; go alone secretly *sa'a bosona keessaa labsee booddee ooffate* He hid the cow in the forest and drove it away later on. 3 Same as *joorsuu* under *jooruu* **labsii** *n* announcement or proclamation

**labumsa** Same as *laba* under *labuu*

**labuu**<sup>1</sup> *iv* go about from place to place aimlessly; wander about **laba** *n* wandering aimlessly about *asii fi achi laba dhiiftee hin ojjattuu?* Can't you do sth useful instead of wandering about aimlessly? **labduu** *adj* vagabond

**labuu**<sup>2</sup> *n* a forest with thorny shrubs and the like

**laca gochuu** *tv* (usu applies to women) swing, i.e., sway below the waist while walking *awuu deemtu mudhii isee laca gooti* When she walks she swings her waist.

**laccee** *adj* 1 (of a cock) having a single wavy and hanging crest *kormaa laccee* a cock with wavy and hanging crest 2 straight and thin *muka laccee* a straight and thin tree *nama laccee* a thin, tall person 3 (of newly born or very young children) *daa'ima laccee* thin and long baby

**lancellee** *adj* cheap, shoddy, or worthless *kittaa lancellee kana maalif naa bitte?* Why did you buy me this shoddy shirt?

**lachanuu** Same as *lamaanuu* under *lama*

**lacheen** Same as *lachu*

**lacheenuu** Same as *lachu*

**lachiisuu** See *latuu*

**lachinuu** Same as *lachanuu*

**lachittuu** *adv* in any case *lachittuu gobaa dhufuu hin dandeessu* In any case, she can't come alone.

**lachu** *adj* both of; the two of *jarri lachu keenya* Both of them are ours. *isin lachu dhufuu ni/in dandeessu* Both of you can come.

**laco** See *laco baasuu*

**laco baasuu** (of corn) blossom, tassel, or flower *boqqolloon laco baaseera* The corn has formed tassel **laco** *n* tassel of corn

**laddaa** *n* 1 (of sth, usu liquid, in a container) halfway or in the middle *bishaan laddaa gayeera malee uuroo keessaa hin dhumne* There is still water in the jar, but it is halfway. 2 part of the body above the hip

**ladda'uu** *tv* (of a donkey or a horse) mount a female *fardi ganyaa ladda'e* The stallion mounted the mare.

**laddaya** Same as *laddaa*

**ladii** *n* kind of tree

**lafa** *n* 1 land *lafa keenya nu saamani* They robbed us of our land. *lafti keenya qonnaa dhaaf gaarii dha* Our land is good for farming. 2 ground or floor *kiniinii lafa bu'e hin liqimsinaa* Don't take a tablet that has touched the ground. *lafa kaayi* Put it on the ground. *lafa arra hin taa'in* Don't sit on the floor. 3 where; place *lafa inni jiru im beeku* I don't know where it is. *lafa gabaatti na eegi* Wait for me at the market place. 4 earth; world *awuu lafi/lafti roqome eessa turte?* Where were you when the earth shook? 5 (usu takes *bari'uu*, *dhiyuu*, *guyya'uu*) day *lafti bari'eera* The day/It has dawned/become night/become late in the morning. **lafa arra arkisuu** *tv* (usu takes *ojii*) lie down on the job or soldier, i.e., make a show of working in order to escape punishment *kan hojjachuun kee hin hafne maa hojii lafa arra arkiftaa?* Since you will have to work anyway, why do

you lie down on the job? 2 beat about the bush *dubbii lafa arra hin arkisin* Come to the point; don't beat about the bush **lafa arra butuu** Same as *lafa arra arkisuu* above **lafa arra kaachisuu** *tv* cause to be in a hurry; cause to be under stress *gaa'illi intala keenya jala gayeetu lafa arra nu kaachisa* Our daughter's wedding is approaching; that's why we are under stress **lafa baasuu** *tv* make fallow *lafa qonnaa boqqolloo isaa barana lafa baase* He made his corn farmland fallow this year. **lafa bawuu** *iv* remain fallow (land) *maasaan koo barana lafa baye* My farm remained fallow this year. **lafa biree** *adj* short (lit closer to the ground) *gurba lafa biree* a short boy **lafa buluu** *iv, tv* 1 sleep on the floor *eda siree koo keessummaaf gadhiseen ofii kootii lafa bule* Last night I gave up my bed to a guest and slept on the floor. 2 (of leftovers) keep over night *ani nyaata lafa bule hin jaal'u* I do not like leftovers kept over night. **lafa buusuu** *tv* drop *osoo hin beekin borsaa isaa lafa buuse* He dropped his wallet accidentally. *iryaa isaa isa durii lafa buusee kan biraa firoomfateera* He has dropped his former best friend and has found a new one. **lafa deemuu** *iv* go on foot *farda dhabeen lafa deema* I don't have a horse, so I walk. **lafa dhawuu** *iv* fall *atuu qalbii dhaan deemuu lafa dhaye* He fell down while

walking slowly. **lafa dhufuu** *iv* come on foot **lafa dhufe moo fardaan dhufe?** Did he come on foot or did he ride horseback? **lafa duwwaa** *adv* without any reason or cause **maaliif lafa duwwaatti nuun lolu?** Why do they quarrel with us without any reason? **lafa galuu** *iv* 1 walk home, *usu* from a long distance **farda dhabeen lafa gale** I walked home because I didn't get a horse. 2 Same as **lafa ooluu** below **lafa garaa** *n* near/close to one's heart; wish or desire **waaq lafa garaa keetiin si haa gawu** May God fulfil your wishes for you. **lafa garaan jiru** *n* where the desire/the heart/the mind is; deep down **lafa garaan jiru miilli nama geessa** (saying) The feet take a person where his/her heart is **lafa gochuu** *iv* give birth without difficulty **kaleessa ilma lafa goote** She gave birth to a boy (without any complications) yesterday. **lafa gubuu** *tv* clear land by burning off grass, shrubs, etc. **lafa guuree** *adj* doddering; old **jaarsa lafa guuree** a doddering, old man **lafa hankaaksuu** *tv* pamper; make sb feel too proud of himself/herself **ilma tokkicha godhatee lafa hankaaksee guddifate** He had only one son, and he pampered him in the process of bringing him up. **lafa hankaakuu** *iv* be extremely proud (so proud that the person

wouldn't let his/her feet touch the ground!) **iseen boonu duwwaa osoo hin ta'in lafa hankaakti** She is not just proud; she is extremely proud! **lafa itti dhiphisuu** *tv* confuse, i.e., perplex or bewilder by too much talk, too many questions, etc., **oduu dhaan lafa nutti dhiphise malee humaa nuu hin goone** He did nothing for us; he just confused us with his endless talk. **lafa jala** *adv* 1 early; in good time; in time **lafa jala as gaye** He arrived here in time. 2 underground, i.e., secret **nuuf hin galle malee gaaf hundumaa lafa jala nutti malu** Though we didn't realize it, they always plotted against us underground. **lafa jala adeemuu** Same as **lafa jala jiruu** 1 be artful, crafty, cunning, foxy, scheming, sly, tricky, or be wily **namichi kun lafa jira; ani isa hin jaal'u** This man is cunning; I don't like him. 2 be aged/old **eega dhaltee bara hin qabu; lafa jala jira** It has been a long time since he was born; he is old. **lafa jalee** *n* 1 intermittent and mild labor pains or birth-throes, *usu* experienced by inexperienced young women **lafa jalee ciniinfatti** She's having mild labor pains. 2 dancing and singing that go on for two weeks prior to the day of a wedding **lafa jiraachuu** *tv* be available; be on hand **amma humtuu lafa hin jiru** There is nothing on hand now. **lafa jiruu** *adv* 1 wherever **lafa jirutti isa**



*qabaa fidaa* Catch him and bring him here wherever he may be. **2** work place; office *lafa jiruu deemeera* He has gone to office. **lafatti ka'uu** *iv* run fast *lafatti ka'ii dafii achi gayii deebi'i* Run there fast and return. **lafa lixuu** *iv* **1** (emphatic) die and be buried *du'ee lafa ha lixu!* May he die and be buried. **2** be ashamed *nama fuul duratti dhuuftee naatee lafa lixxe* She farted in public and was ashamed of herself. **lafa oolchuu** *tv* (usu used of a yoke of oxen) cause to be off duty, i.e., give it a day off *har'a sangaa koo lafan oolche* Today, I gave my yoke of oxen a day off. **lafa ooluu** *iv* (usu used of a yoke of oxen) be off duty; be left idle for a day or so *sangooti koo har'a lafaa oolan* My yoke of oxen have been off duty today. **lafa siilessuu** *iv* (takes *du'uu*; negative and emphatic) [lit it means to break in sth] be the first or the only one to die *maal yoon du'e lafan siilessaa?* So what? Am I the first and the only one to die? **lafa taa'uu** *iv* sit on the floor instead of a chair **lafoo** *adj, n* **1** pedestrian or foot passenger (as contrasted with those on horseback, vehicle, etc.) *kaleessa farda bitee har'a "nagaatti yaa lafoo" naan jedhaa!* He bought a horse just yesterday, and today he says to me, "Bye, bye, pedestrian!"

**lafaa** *adv* from ground *kiniinii lafaa fuutee hin liqimsin* Don't pick up a tablet from the ground and swallow it. **lafaa argachuu** *tv* acquire, obtain, or find sth by chance and make it one's own property *eeboo kana lafaan argadhe* I found/got this spear from the ground and made it my possession. **lafaa arguu** *tv* find sth from the ground by chance I found this spear from the ground. **lafaa dhufa** Same as *dargaggummaa* under *dargaggoomuu lafaa gargar baqaqe* *adv* early in the morning *lafaa gar gar baqaqe manaa baye* He left home early in the morning. **lafaa jalqabuu** *tv* do sth all over again (usu said of sth not done properly) *mana kana lafaa jalqabnee ijaarra* We will build this house all over again. **lafaa ka'uu** *adv, iv* **1** get up; stand up *osoo waan tokko hin dubbatin lafaa kaatee deemte* She got up and left without saying a word. **2** usu act aggressively without cause, provocation, or reason; unprovoked *lafaa ka'ee na arrabse* He insulted me without any provocation. **lafaa kaasuu** Same as *lafaa jalqabuu* above **lafaa dhawuu** *tv* (usu in wrestling; emphatic) throw down; cause to fall *wal'aansoo dhaan anatu lafaan isa dhaya* In wrestling, I am the one who throws him down **lafaa qabaachuu** *tv* have on hand; be available *yoo liqeffachuu*

*barbaadde, birri shan lafaa qaba* If you want to borrow it, I have five birr on hand. **lafoo** *adj, n* 1 pedestrian or foot passenger (as contrasted with those on horse back, vehicles, etc.) 2 infantry; common people

**laf baatee** *n* fallow

**lafee** *n* 1 bone 2 (usu negative) gratitude of indebtedness *lafee hin qabdu* She is ungrateful **lafee baleessuu** *tv* disgrace, dishonor, or tarnish the reputation of one's parents by doing sth shameful *sangaa hatee lafee abaa isaa balleesse* He stole an ox and disgraced, not only himself, but his father's honor. **lafee cabsuu** Same as *lafee balleessuu* above

**lafee maraattuu** *n* shin **lafee qabaachuu** *iv* be born of a well known family or class *lafee qabaachuu koo beekee na fuudhe* He married me because of my social standing. **lafee qoonqootti rakkate** *n* (lit bone stuck in the throat) difficulty, enigma, or a knotty problem *dubbiin kun dubbii qoonqootti rakkate ta'e; fala hin qabu* This is a knotty issue; it has no solution.

**lafoo** See *lafa*

**lafti** *n* (subject form of *lafa*) *lafti kun xaawoo dha* This land is fertile.

**laftii** *adv* early in the morning *laftii manaa baye* He left early in the morning.

**laga** *n* 1 brook, river, spring, or stream; area around a river *laga*

*dhaqii bishaan fidi* Go to the spring and fetch water. 2 next (in rank, authority, or size of land holding) to *qoroo* (see)

**lagachiisuu** See *lagachuu*

**lagachuu** *tv* 1 (used of sth, usu food items that religion, custom, etc., taboos) taboo *foon indaaqqoo lagatti* She taboos chicken meat, i.e., avoids eating chicken because of her religion or custom. 2 avoid drinking from cups, glasses, etc., used by another person *inni shiinii lagata* He taboos drinking from a cup which is not his own or which is not washed with special care, e.g. by washing with the leaves of *eebicha* (see). 3 taboo calling certain kinds of persons by their first or second names out of deference For instance, custom forbids a wife from calling her husband, her husband's brother(s), or her inlaws by their first or second names. The husband taboos calling his inlaws by their first or second names, too. If the inlaw's name is Margaa, they can't say Margaa; neither can they say *marga* (grass) because it is too close to Margaa! **lagachiisuu** *tv* cause to lose one's appetite for food/ drink *maaltu nyaata si lagachiise?* What made you lose your appetite? **lagata** *n* anything under a taboo *akkoo kootiif foon indaaqqoo lagata* For my

grandmother, eating chicken is a taboo. **lagataa** *adj* of a man who taboos, usu food items or drinking vessels **lagatamaa** Same as *lagata* above **lagatamuu** *tv* (passive) be tabooed *nyaati tokko tokko ni/in lagatama* Some kinds of food items are under taboo **lagattuu** *adj* of females who taboo certain items of food or drinking vessels **laguu** *n, tv* 1 make sb avoid certain kinds of food items; avoid mentioning names of some persons related through marriage *qaalluutu foon indaaqqoo na lage* A religious leader made me taboo chicken meat. 2 take away or spoil one's appetite *utaalloon nyaata na lageera* A cold has spoiled my appetite, i.e., I don't feel like eating anything now. 3 sth under a taboo, *anaaf foon indaaqqoo laguu dha* For me eating chicken is a taboo. 4 menstruation *guyyaa laguu ishee* the day her period was on

**lagata** See *lagachuu*  
**lagataa** See *lagachuu*  
**lagatamaa** See *lagachuu*  
**lagatamuu** See *lagachuu*  
**lagattuu** See *lagachuu*  
**lagda**<sup>1</sup> *n* fever  
**lagda**<sup>2</sup> See *lagdachuu*  
**lagdachuu** *tv* cause a stallion copulate a mare **lagda** *n* (usu applies to horses or mares *fardi koo lagda jalqabee manatti galuu dide* My horse has started to be

in estrus, so he refused to come home.

**lagda qabuu** Same as *gaana qabuu*, but this one applies to horses/mares

**lagée** Same as *laga*

**lagoo** *n* casuals, lacks, or informal clothes/dress as opposed to finery or Sunday best/clothes *har'a gabaa hin deemtu fakkaatti; kanaaf lagoo isee uffatti* Today she does not look as if she is going to the market; that's why she is wearing her casuals.

**lagsiisuu** Same as *lagachiisuu* under *lagachuu*

**laguu** See *lagachuu*

**lajooja'uu** *tv* lose normal flavor because left on fire for too long *bunni kun atuu hin lajooja'in abidda arraa baasi* Take this coffee pot off the fire before the coffee loses its usual flavor.

**lakkaawuu** *tv* 1 count, i.e., name the numerals *afaan ingliziitiin amma kumaatti lakkoofiti* She can count up to one thousand (1000) in English. 2 include *ijoollee xixinnoo atuu hin lakkaayin nama dhibbatu qonnaatti baye* Not including small children, one hundred people came out to work on the farm. **lakkaayachuu** *tv* count for self *mana baankiitii utuu hin bayin dura qarshii si kennanu lakkaayadhu* Count the money you withdraw from a bank before leaving it (the bank). **lakkaayamuu** *tv* (passive) be counted *Inni lakkaayameeraa?*

Is he counted? **lakkobsa** *adj, n* number; total **lakkobsa ijoollee mana barnoota kanaa beektaa?** Do you know the number of children in this school? **lakkobsa qabaachuu** *iv* (usu negative) be countless, be numerous, or be innumerable **firri isaa lakkoobsa hin qabu** His friends are numerous. **lakkoobsisuu** *tv* cause to count **qarshicha nama fuul durattan isa lakkoobsise itti kenne** I made him count the money in front of people and gave it to him. **namatti nama lakkaawuu** *tv* (negative) consider sb worthless; count for nothing; despise **ani oftuultuu namatti hin lakkaawu** I despise chauvinists. **niitii isaa namatti hin lakkoofne** He did not count his wife for anything.

**lakkaayachuu** See **lakkaawuu**

**lakkaayamuu** See **lakkaawuu**

**lakki** Same as **lakkii**

**lakkifamuu** Same as **gadhiisamuu** under **gadhiisuu**

**lakkii** *adv* **1** (used with 2<sup>nd</sup> person, sing) no **lakkii lafa inni jiru im beekuu** No, I do not know where he/it is. **2** you had better not **lakkii isee hin fuudhin** You had better not marry her. **lakkii oduu dhiisii ojjadhu** You had better stop talking and start working.

**lakkisaa** *adv* **1** no (used with 2<sup>nd</sup> person, pl/honorific) **lakkisaa im beeku** No, I don't know. **2** you had better not **lakkisaa ilma keenya**

**akkasi hin aarsinaa** You had better not provoke our son like that.

**lakkisuu** Same as **gadhiisuu**

**lakkoobsa** See **lakkaawuu**

**lakkoobsa qabaachuu** See **lakkaawuu**

**lakkoobsisuu** See **lakkaawuu**

**lakkoofsa** Same as **lakkobsa** under **lakkaawuu**

**lakkooya** Same as **lakkobsa** under **lakkaawuu**

**lakuu** *n* pair; twin **lakuu deesse** She gave birth to twins. **jarri lakkuu dha** They are twins.

**lalee** Same as **reettii**

**lalisa** Same as **leensaa** under **lalisuu**

**lalisuu** *iv* blossom; grow lush **bunni laliseera** The coffee trees have blossomed. **leensaa** *adj, n* **1** blossom; green and lush; fertile **2** handsome **leensee** *adj* (of a female) beautiful; lovely

**lallabuu** *iv* **1** Same as **labsuu** **2** talk too much; shout **natti hin lallabin** Don't shout at me.

**lallisa** Same as **leensaa** under **lalisuu**

**lallisuu** Same as **lalisuu**

**lama** *adj, n* two (**2**) **kudha lama** twelve (**12**) **nama lama** two persons **lamaan** *adj* **1** (takes **tokko**) about two **birri laamaan tokko liqeessiif** Lend him about two birri. **2** for two **indaaqqoo kana birri digdamaan bitani** They bought this chicken for twenty birri. **lamaanuu** *n* both **kun laamaanuu kooti** Both of these are mine. **lamaanuu fudhu** Take both.

**lama hin xaaruu** *n* (of alcoholic drinks) a double + the alcohol, [lit it means "I don't want to be bothered twice"] *wiskicha lama hinxaaruu naa godhi* Give me a double whisky. (lama + odd number e.g. *lama sadii*, *lama shan*, *lama torba*) *n* three, five, seven ... units of sth for two units of money *boqqolloon har'a lama sadii dhaan gurgurame* Today three corn on the cobs were sold for two-five cent coins. *atara kubbaayyaa lama shan natti gurgure* He sold me five cups of peas for two birri. **lammacha** *adj* 1 of domestic animals, e.g. cattle, donkeys, horses, mules that have cut two teeth *farda lammacha* a horse that has lost two teeth 2 of a young bull in his second year in harness **lammaffaa** *adj*, *n* 1 second (2<sup>nd</sup>) *ilmi koo lammaffaa baye* My son became second. 2 (usu negative) again or once more; any more *ani lammaffaa mana kee hin dhufu* I won't come to your house again. 3 (of same coffee powder boiled twice) second-rate boiled coffee *buna lammaffaa hin jaal'atu* He doesn't like coffee made from powder boiled the second time.

**lamaan** See *lama*

**lamaanuu** See *lama*

**lamada** Same as *lammata* under *lama*

**lamaxii** *adj* (usu of cotton) very thin *jirbii lamaxii foote* She spun/span the cotton very thin.

**lamboobuu** *tv* whitewash a wall, etc., *dhoqqee dhaan mana isaa lamboobe* He whitewashed the wall of his house with mud.

**lamee** Same as *lammee*

**lamii** *n* 1 a two-yard cloth 2 dress

**lammacha** See *lama*

**lammada** Same as *lammata* under *lama*

**lammaffaa** See *lama*

**lammaffii** Same as *lammaffaa* (2) under *lama*

**lammaffoo** *adj*, *n* Tuesday; see also *kibxata/bal'oo*

**lammata** Same as *lammaffaa* (1, 2) under *lama*

**lammee** See *lammeessuu*

**lammeeffachuu** See *lammeessuu*

**lammeessoo** Same as *lammaffaa* under *lama*

**lammeessuu** *tv* give another, usu an additional second of a drink *aragee naa lammeessi* Give me another cup of arack. *buna lammeessiteefii?* Has she given him another (a second) cup of coffee? **lammee** *n* second serving or round, usu of drinks *lammee sii kennitee?* Did she give you a second round of, say, drinks? **lammeeffachuu** *tv* have another, usu an additional (second) of a drink for self *buna lammeeffadheen turee deeme* I left long after I had my second cup of coffee.

**lammii** *n* 1 relationship between children of paternal uncles *ilmi wasiila kootii anaaf lammii dha* The son of my uncle is my *lammii* (cousin). 2 people of the same

clan related by blood;  
compatriot, kin, or relative, i.e.,  
opposite of *alagaa* (see) **lammii**  
**lammii duubaa** *n* a distant  
relative (lit cousin, cousin back)

**lamuu** Same as *lammaffaa* under  
*lama*

**lamxaawuu** *iv* develop/have  
vitiligo *ni/in/il lamxaaye* He has  
developed vitiligo. **lamxeessuu**  
*tv* cause to develop vitiligo  
*maaltu isa lamxeesse?* What  
caused his vitiligo/What made  
his skin become unpigmented?  
**lamxii** *adj*, **1** vitiligo **2** of a  
person with vitiligo **lamxoo-**  
**ftuu** *adj* of a person whose skin  
has become completely  
unpigmented, i.e., too many  
patches of unpigmented skin

**lamxeessuu** See *lamxaawuu*

**lamxii** See *lamxaawuu*

**lamxooftuu** See *lamxaawuu*

**lamxooytuu** Same as *lamxooftuu*  
under *lamxaawuu*

**lanjaa** *n* a variety of tobacco plant  
**lanqasi** *adj* weak (usu takes *jechuu*  
or *ta'uu*) *lanqasi jedhe/ta'e* He  
became weak.

**lanqaxaa** See *lanqaxuu*

**lanqaxuu** *tv* (used of soaked  
grain, fresh chilly/corn, etc.  
levigate with the addition of  
liquid; mash, i.e., crush or grind  
*boqqolloo lanqaxxee bukeessitee*  
*buddeena tolchite* She mashed the  
soaked corn, leavened it, and  
baked bread. **lanqaxaa** *n* mash,  
i.e., any substance softened and  
crushed

**laphee** *n* **1** Same as *qoma* **2** Same  
as *onnee* (**2**) **laphee qabaachuu**  
Same as *garaa qabaachuu* under  
*garaa*

**laqaquu** Same as *aqaaquu*

**laqachiisuu** See *laqachuu*

**laqachuu** *iv* have a fever *isiin*  
*laqadde* She has a fever

**laqachiisuu** *tv* cause a fever  
*busaatuu na laqachiise* It is malaria  
that caused my fever

**laqadu** *iv* have a fever **laydaa** *n*  
fever

**laqam gochuu** Same *luqum gochuu*

**laqoo** *n* very young grass that has  
just sprouted

**laqqee** *adj* (usu of cattle) skinny  
and weak

**laqqisuu** Same as *gadhiisuu*

**lasee** *adj* (of tobacco) **1** weak  
*timboo lasee* weak tobacco **2** soft  
*buddeena lasee* soft bread **3** (usu  
of females) gentle and well-  
behaved *niitii lasee tokko qaba* He  
has a gentle, well-behaved wife.

**lashee** *n* typhus; see also *tasiboo*

**lata** See *latuu*

**latuu** *iv* **1** shoot, i.e., send out new  
twigs or branches from a stump  
or a stem *mukii bunaa yoo muran*  
*deebisee lata* Coffee trees shoot  
again after being cut. **2** (of  
animals or humans) multiply by  
procreation; reproduce and be  
many *dhala dhalaa latee du'e* He  
reproduced his kind, saw his  
grand children, and died.

**lachiisuu** *tv* cause to have shoot  
**lata** *n* shoot, i.e., new, young  
growth on a plant or bush

**lawwaasa'uu** Same *laasha'uu*  
**lawwaassessuu** Same *laashessuu*  
 under *laasha'uu*  
**lawwee** *adj* 1 (usu of human  
 neck) slender, i.e., gracefully tall  
 and slim *morma isee isa lawwee*  
*sanaan awuu sirbitu namatti tola*  
 It's pleasing to see her slender,  
 beautiful neck when she dances.

**laxaxaba** Same as *golca*

**lay'oo** Same as *layyoo*

**laydaa** See *laqaduu*

**layyoo** *n* gruel made usu from  
 barley and given to people who  
 are under the weather

**le'a** Same as *leetoo* under *le'uu*

**-le<sup>1</sup>** (suffixed to verbs that end in -  
*luu*; usu simple past) we, bound  
 pronoun (*aaluu*) *ni/in aalle* We  
 denied. (*buluu*) *achi bulle* We  
 spent the night there. (*galuu*) *ol*  
*galle* We entered. (*ooluu*) *ni/in*  
*oolle* We were absent. (*qaluu*)  
*hoolaa qalle* We killed a sheep for  
 food.

**-le<sup>2</sup>** (suffixed to verbs that end in -  
*luu*; negative= *hin* + verb + *le*;  
 applies to all persons) *ani/*  
*ati/nuyi/inni/iseen/jarri achi hin*  
*bulle/oolle* I/you/we/he/  
 she/it/they didn't spend the  
 night/the day there.

**lebee** *adj* (usu of a female who is  
 shrew or termagant) garrulous,  
 loquacious, or talkative

**leccuu** Same as *lootuu*

**leceelloo** *n* property; resources  
*leceelloo isaa dhiisee bade* He  
 abandoned his property and  
 disappeared. See also *leccalloo*

**lecellecamuu** *tv* (usu used of  
 weak growth of crops) become  
 spindly, i.e., grow too tall and  
 thin *boqqolloon ni/in lecellecame*  
 The corn has become spindly.

**leecalloo** *n* resources; property  
*leecalloon obboleessa lama walitti*  
*naqxi* (saying) Resources set  
 brother against brother, i.e., they  
 fight over property right.

**leejjifachuu** Same as *leenjifachuu*  
 under *leenjisuu*

**leejjifamuu** Same as *leenjifamuu*  
 under *leenjisuu*

**leejjisa** Same as *leenjisa* under  
*leenjisuu*

**leejjisamuu** Same as *leenjifamuu*

**leejjisuu** Same as *leenjisuu*

**leekkisuu** *iv* bawl, i.e., vociferate  
*maa leekkifti?* Why is she  
 bawling?

**leelala** See *leelaluu*

**leelaluu** *iv* relapse; have a relapse  
*dhukkubii isaa itti leelale* His  
 illness has relapsed. **leelala** *n* a  
 relapse

**leelee** See *leelessuu*

**leelessuu** *tv* 1 cause hookah to  
 form tobacco tar 2 (applies to  
 body) make dirty **leelee** *n* 1  
 tobacco tar *leelee gaayyaa* tar in  
 the hookah gourd 2 dirt *leelee kee*  
*dhiqadhu* Wash the dirt off your  
 skin. **leelee maragu** *tv* (used of a  
 stingless bee that makes honey  
 under the ground) build/  
 prepare a mound *daamuun leelee*  
*maragdeetti* The stingless bee has  
 built a mound around its hole in  
 the ground.

**leelii** Same as *alkan*  
**leellifamuu** See *leellisuu*  
**leellisaa** See *leellisuu*  
**leellisuu** *iv*, *tv* **1** sing or chant softly *gola keessaa leellifti* She is singing in the kitchen. **2** praise sb, usu through a song *obboleessa isee leellifte* She praised her brother (through her song). **3** like or love *ilma isaa hedduu leellisaa* He loves his son very much. **leellifamuu** *tv* be sung/praised/loved **leellisaa** *adj* of a male who sings, praises through songs, or loves **leelloo** *adj* beloved, dear, or darling *ilmi koo anaaf leelloo kooti* My son is dear to me.

**leelloo** See *leellisuu*

**leemata** Same as *masoobii*

**leematii** Same as *leemata*

**leemmaan** Same as *leemman*

**leemman** *n* **1** bamboo **2** a tubular wind instrument made of the stalk of bamboo **3** retort used for distillation; see also *faaggaa* (**3**)

**leemmana** Same as *leemman*

**leemmoo** *n* sea; ocean "*Gur'aacha garaa garbaa leemmoo garaa taliila*" reference to Almighty Goad when praying

**leenca** *n* **1** lion **2** (fig) lion, i.e., a person, usu man who is like a lion in bravery and courage *abbaan isaa leenca* His father is as brave as a lion.

**leencoo** Same as *leenca* (**2**)

**leenjifachuu** See *leenjisuu*

**leenjifamuu** See *leenjisuu*

**leenjisa** See *leenjisuu*

**leenjisamuu** Same as *leenjifamuu* under *leenjisuu*

**leenjisuu** *tv* **1** (usu used of bull, horse, or mule) break a horse or mule to the rein or to the harness; break a bull to a yoke *dibicha koo baranan leenjisa* I will break my young bull to a yoke this year. **2** (used of a sportsman) coach *eenyutu isin leenjisee*? Who coached you?

**leenjifachuu** *tv* break/coach for self *dibicha isaa barana leenjifate* He broke his young bull to a yoke this year. **leenjifamuu** *tv* be broken; be coached or trained *dibichi koo leenjisameera* My bull is broken to a yoke.

**leenjisa** *n* breaking or training *dibichi koo leenjisa gayeera* My young bull is ready for breaking to a yoke.

**leensaa** See *lalisuu*

**leensee** See *lalisuu*

**leephoo** *n* bog, marsh, or quagmire

**-leerra** (applies to the pronoun **we**) suffixed to verbs that end in **-luu**, it usu indicates present perfect tense (*duuluu*) **duulleerra** We have gone to the battle field (*loluu*) **lolleerra** We have fought. (*tuuluu*) **tuulleerra** We have piled (sth).

**leessuu** *tv* eat, devour, or guzzle, i.e., eat hungrily to the point of licking the plate from which food is eaten "*mi'aa keetu mi'aa dhirsa kiyyaa na dhowwee*" jette *niitiin damma leessite* (humor)



"Your sweetness has undermined my love for my husband", said a woman while devouring honey.

**leetoo** See *le'uu*

**lee'uu** Same as *le'uu*

**leexaa** *adj* 1 bareback(ed) *farda leexaa yaabbate* He rode the horse bareback. 2 (usu of clothes) without fringe or ornamental border *qamisiin isee leexaa dha* Her dress is without fringe. 3 (of a person) alone, usu without a family *leexaa isaa jiraata* He lives alone.

**leexo** Same as *leexaa* (1)

**leeyidaa** *n* fever; see also *laydaa* under *laqadu*

**leeyyaasisuu** Same as *qaanessuu* under *qaana'uu*

**leeyya'uu** Same as *qaana'uu*

**leeyyessuu** Same as *qaanessuu* under *qaana'uu*

**leeyyoftuu** Same as *qaanoftuu* under *qaana'uu*

**leeyyoo** Same as *qaanii* under *qaana'uu*

**leeguu** Same as *legelleguu*

**legelleguu** *tv* drivel, i.e., talk stupidly or childishly, usu as a drunkard does by repeating the same thing over and over again *namichi machaayaan kun maal legellega?* What is this drunk drivelng about?

**leggaasaa** *adj* (usu of a person at work) lazy and weak

**lelee** *adj* (usu of curly hair adorned with beads) flow or hang down loosely and

gracefully *daabeen isee lelee dha* Her hair is hanging gracefully.

**lem jechuu** *iv* (of the taste of sugar or salt after being added to food) be felt *ashaboon kun waxii keessaa lem hin jenne* The salt's flavor in the stew is not felt at all.

**lem lem jechuu** Same as *lem jechuu*

**lemoo** *n* messenger of *gadaa* president; messenger; a person who conveys messages

**lenqesaawuu** Same as *lenqeshaawuu*

**lenqeseessuu** Same as *lenqesheessuu* under *lenqeshaawuu*

**lenqeshaawuu** *iv* flag or hang limply, usu in exhaustion caused by heat or hunger *aduu keessa ojjaachaa oolee lenqeshaaye* He flagged because he had been working in the intense heat of the sun all day. **lenqesheessuu** *tv* cause to flag, droop, or cause to be weak *aduutu na lenqesheesse* It was the heat from the sun that made me weak. See also *laanquxaawuu*

**lenqesheessuu** See *lenqeshaawuu*

**lenxexxeessuu** Same as *laanquxeessuu*

**lephisuu** *iv* move or stir, i.e., be in motion *awuu qilleensii jiraatuu baallii ni/in lephisa* When there is wind, leaves stir.

**le'uu** *iv* exist, i.e., continue to live *horii malee akkamitti leetti* How can she exist without money?

**leetoo** *n* being; existence *eega ilmi*

*isee du'ee asi leetoo isee jibbiteetti*  
 Ever since her son died, she has  
 hated her existence.

**leydaa** Same as *laydaa* under  
*laqadu*

**-li** (a suffix that is used for  
 forming a subject) **"-li"** is  
 suffixed to a noun that ends in **"-  
 la"** when the **"-la"** is preceded  
 by a vowel. Examples:

Object	Subject
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<i>amala</i> (habit)	<i>amalli</i>
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<i>fuula</i> (face)	<i>fuulli</i>
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<i>duula</i> (war)	<i>duulli</i>
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**libaallibbee** Same as *libaallibsaa*  
 under *libaallibsuu*

**libaallibbii** *n* illness, usu general  
 feeling of discomfort in body

**libaallibsaa** See *libaallibsuu*

**libaallibsuu** *tv* move or whisk a  
 piece of firewood with glowing  
 embers on one end to produce  
 flashlight *natti mul'achuu didee*  
*mee naa libaallibsi* Whisk this  
 "flashlight" in the air for me so I  
 can see better. **libaallibsaa** *n* a  
 piece of firewood with glowing  
 embers on one end used as a  
 flashlight; firebrand

**libaana** *n* incense

**libaanata** Same as *libaana*

**libsaa** Same as *liphsaa* under  
*liphsuu*

**libsachuu** Same as *liphsuu*

**libsuu** Same as *liphsuu*

**liccee** *n* bat or stick

**liccisiisuu** See *lixuu*

**liccisoo** Same as *axxiffoo*

**lifcaaca** Same as *golca*

**ligga'uu** Same as *gola'uu*

**ligichaa** *n* (neologism) refrigerator

**ligidaawuu** *iv* 1 rust *gajarri koo*  
*yaroo baay'ee ala bulee ligidaaye*  
 My bush knife rusted because it  
 had been left outside for many  
 nights. 2 Same as *doomuu* (1)

**ligideessuu** *tv* cause to rust  
*jiidhaa fi qilleensatu sibiila*  
*ligideessa* Air and moisture make  
 metal rust.

**ligideessuu** See *ligidaawuu*

**ligidi** Same as *limixii*

**liiboo** *n* Same as *somaa*

**liichee** Same as *alangee*

**liimmaa** *n* wild plant boiled and  
 eaten as cabbage

**liiraa** *n* coin, i.e., collective name  
 for a piece of metal used as  
 money

**liixii** *n* dough wrapped in a false  
 banana leaf and cooked in the  
 hot ashes of the bonfire of the  
*daamaraa* ceremony (see)

**likkeessuu** *tv* make sth/sb equal,  
 i.e., level/parallel to or level  
 with sth/sb *wayyaa kana likkeessi*  
*qabi* Make the two ends of cloth  
 level/equal and hold it (for me).

**likkii** *adj* 1 straight or level  
*likkiitti qabe* He held it straight. 2  
 fitting *kittaan kun likkii kooti* This  
 shirt fits me. 3 correct or right  
*jaarsa cabsuun likkii miti* It is not  
 right to disrespect an elderly  
 man. See also *sirri* which is more  
 commonly used

**likkii** See *likkeessuu*

**lilaana** *n* (usu of butter) stain on  
 clothes, neck, etc.

**lilmee** Same as *limmoo*

**lilmoo** Same as *limmoo*

**lima** *n* collective name for grains such as broad beans, chickpeas, peas, and all varieties of beans

**lim'ata** Same as *tuullaa* under *tuuluu*

**limixaawuu** *iv* (of evening or night time) get/grow/ become very/pitch dark *limixaayeera*; *hin deemin* It has become pitch dark; do not go.

**limixeessuu** *tv* (usu of rain-bearing cloud) cause to be dark *bokkaan limixeesssee dhufeera* The rain-bearing cloud has become very dark; it's going to rain.

**limixii** *adj* very dark; pitch dark *alkan limixii* a night as dark as pitch

**limixeessuu** See *limixaawuu*

**limixii** See *limixaawuu*

**limmoo** *n* needle used for sewing, darning, or mending *limmoon kan seentu malee kan isee seenu hin argitu* (saying) A needle can't see what enters it; it sees only what it enters [those who see only others' faults but not their own]

**limuu** *iv* enter water, usu head first and swim under water; see also *axxiffoo* (2) under *axxiffachuu*

**lincicaa** See *lincicaawuu*

**lincicaawuu** *iv* (usu used of parched grain) be soggy instead of being crispy *akaayiin shumburaa yoo lafa bule ni/in lincicaayaa* Parched/Roasted chickpea becomes soggy if left to stay overnight. **lincicaa** *adj* 1 (usu of firewood) soggy *qoraan*

*lincicaan dafee him/im boba'u.*

Soggy firewood does not burn easily. 2 of parched/roasted grain that is not crispy *akaayii lincicaa* Roasted grain that is not crispy

**linxixeessuu** *tv* grind, usu grain, into fine powder; pulverize *boqqolloo linxixeessitee daakte* She ground the corn into fine flour. **linxixii** *adj, n* pulverized flour; see also *bulleessuu* under *bullaaawuu*

**linxixii** See *linxixeessuu*

**liphaallibsa** Same as *libaallibsa* under *libaallibsuu*

**liphaallibsuu** Same as *libaallibsuu*

**liphee** See *liphsuu*

**liphee** See *liphsuu*

**liphsaa** See *liphsuu*

**liphsuu** *iv* 1 blink or wink, i.e., close and open the eyelid *anwuu nama ilaaluu jalqabu ija isaayyuu hin/il liphsatu* When he starts looking at people he does not even blink. 2 (takes *ija*) accept sth without hesitation *sangaa kootii birri kuma lama naa kenninaan atuun ija hin/il liphsin fudhadhe* I accepted the two thousand birri they offered me for my ox without the slightest hesitation **liphee** *adj* within a matter of seconds *hattuun lipheetti na jalaa baye* The thief escaped me within a matter of seconds. **liphee** *n* 1 seeing at a glance *liphee dhaanin isa arge* I saw him at a glance. 2 (takes *amma ija*) *adv* within a matter of

seconds *awutoobusiin amma ija liphiiitti na jalaa baye* I missed the bus within a matter of seconds.

**liphsaa** *n* eyelash

**liqaa** Same as **liqii** under **liqeessuu**  
**liqeeffachuu** See **liqeessuu**

**liqeessuu** *tv* (used of drinks, food

items, money, tobacco, or any consumable commodity) *mee*

*birri shan naa liqeessi* Please lend me five birri. *ashaboo timboo /*

*boqqolloo/ naa liqeesse* He lent me salt/corn/tobacco. **liqeeffachuu**

*tv* borrow money or any

consumable items such as coffee beans, drinks, firewood, food,

grain, salt, sugar, and the like

(for self) *birri kudhan liqefadheen*

*ilma kootii kittaa bite* I borrowed

ten birri and bought a shirt for

my son. **liqii** *n* credit; loan **liqii**

*kee kaffaltee fixxee?* Have you

settled all your credits?

**liqii** See **liqeessuu**

**liqim gochuu** Same as **liqimsuu** (1)

**liqimmee** Same as *dhadhaqii*

**liqimsiisuu** See **liqimsuu**

**liqimsituu** See **liqimsuu**

**liqimsuu** *tv* 1 swallow, i.e., cause

food, pills, etc., go down the

throat *mucaan isee saantimii*

*liqimse* Her child swallowed a

coin. 2 mire, i.e., cause to sink or

become stuck in mud or swamp;

drown *makiinaa koo dhoqqee*

*liqimse* I mired my car/My car

stuck in the mud. 3 (fig) eat

*humaa utuu hin'il liqimsin manaa*

*baye* He left home without eating

anything. **liqimsiisuu** *tv* cause

to eat or drown *bishaan isa*

*liqimsiise* He made him drown

*nyaata xinnoo liqimsiiseen manaa*

*baye* He left after I made him eat

a small quantity of food.

**liqimsituu** *n* 1 Adam's apple;

esophagus; glottis 2 whirlpool

**liqixii** *n* 1 a dark, tough variety of

climber used as rope 2 Same as

*limixii*

**liqqaamii** *n* civet, i.e., substance

from a gland of a civet-cat

**lixa aduu** *n* west

**lixuu** *iv* 1 enter/get in *mana isee*

*lixee taa'e* He entered her room

and sat down. *waatu ija na lixe*

Something got into my eye.

*foontu ilkaan na lixe* A piece of

meat got into my teeth cavity. 2

fall into a hole, water, water

hole/well, etc. *biirii lixee du'e* He

fell into a water hole (well) and

died. 3 (of disease) break out

*biyya sana tasiboon lixeera jedhu*

They say typhus has broken out

in that village/country. 4 go into

disappear or a space under sth

*siree/ xarapheesaa jala lixe* He

disappeared by going under the

bed/table. 5 (of the moon or the

sun) go down or set *aduu*

*lixxeetti* The sun has set. 6 (of

chiggers, disease, etc.) penetrate;

pervade *bujaleen miilla isaa*

*lixxeetti* A chigger penetrated his

foot. *dhukkubi dhanna na lixeera* A

disease has pervaded my

system. 7 (takes *gidduu*) interfere

*dhirsaa fi niitii gidduu lixuun*

*gaarii miti* It is not good to

interfere between husband and wife. 8 go *yoom Baalee lixxa?* When are you going to Baalee? 9 (*usu takes lafa*) indicates desperation *rakkoo baay'een na qabatee lafan lixu dhabe* I encountered a serious problem; I didn't know what to do or where to go. **liccisiisuu** *tv* cause to enter *ijoolleen sa'a midhaan liccisiifte* The children let the cattle enter the crop.

**lixxisoo** Same as **liccisoo**

**-llee** (suffix) 1 even *obboleessa koo dhiisii ilmi koollee na jibbe* Let alone my brother even my son has hated me. 2 what/whoever *maalillee ha ta'u ani hin afu.* Whatever the circumstance, I will not fail to come/go. *eenyuunillee ha ta'u atuu natti hin himin ol hin galchinaa* Whoever he may be, do not let him/her in before you let me know. 3 so *akkana jechuun isaallee gadhee miti.* His saying so is not bad. 4 as for/to *hojii hin jaal'atu malee beekumsallee baay'ee qaba* As for knowledge he has plenty of it, but he doesn't like to work. *oduu kana innillee natti himeeraa natu irraanfate malee* On his part, he did tell me the news, but I forgot all about it.

**locaa** *n* 1 variety of climber, *usu* used as feed for calves 2 Same as **lollojii**

**locuu** Same as **lootuu**

**locuu** *iv* feel nausea; nauseate *garaa na loca* I feel like vomiting.

**lodaa** *adj* lanky; long or tall and clumsy *muka lodaa* long and clumsy wood *gurbaa lodaa* tall and clumsy boy

**loddee** *n* long, pinkish worm, *usu* found in wet places immediately after rain

**logaa** *n* a long spear; see also **eeboo**

**logee** *adj* (*usu* of female humans) tall in an ungraceful way

**loggomuu** *tv* 1 harness, *usu* a horse or a mule *dafii farda naa loggomi* Harness the horse for me immediately. 2 bit, place a bit in the mouth of a mule or horse *gaangee kana yoo loggomte malee nyaachuu dhiiftee hin deemtu* Unless you bit the mule, she won't stop eating and start moving. 3 (fig) shut sb up *maal afaan isaa loggomanii?* What happened, did they shut him up? 4 cock a gun *qawwee isaa loggomee amma diini isaa itti dhiyaatutti eege* He cocked his gun and waited until his enemy came closer or nearer. 5 fasten a basket in which *usu* provision (food) is carried on a trip. *agalgilii loggomtee?* Have you fastened up the basket? **luugama** *n* 1 bridle 2 bit 3 rein

**logoga** See **logoguu**

**logoguu** *iv* (*usu* used of a horse's saliva) dribble, drool, slaver, or slobber *fardi kun baay'ee logoga* This horse slobbers a lot. **logoga** *n* saliva or spittle

**lojoo** *n* climbing beans

**lolaa** See **lola'uu**

**lolaafamuu** See *lola'uu*

**lolaasamuu** Same as *lolaafamuu*  
under

*lola'uu*

**lolaasuu** See *lola'uu*

**lolachuu** See *loluu*

**lalamuu** See *loluu*

**lola** See *loluu*

**lola'uu** *iv* (of liquid) cause floods;

flow *dhiigii funyaan isaa keessaa*

*akkuma lola lola'e* Blood flowed  
from his nose just like floods.

**lola** *n* flood **lolaafamuu** *iv*, *tv* **1**

Same as *dhangalaafamuu* under  
*dhangala'uu* **2** be killed

**lolaasisuu** *tv* cause to flow

*bishaan kanaaf karaa baasii*

*masinootti lolaasisi* Make course  
for this water and let it flow into  
the irrigation farm. **lolaasuu** *tv*  
spill, usu blood *dhiiga diina isaa*  
*lolaase* He spilled the blood of his  
enemy.

**lolchiisuu** See *loluu*

**lolee** *n* attendant, footman, or  
manservant who, usu looks after  
his master's horse/mule, and  
also accompanies him when he  
travels or goes to war front; page

**liiisa** Same as *lola* under *loluu*

**lollaa** See *lolla'uu*

**lolla'achuu** See *lolla'uu*

**lolla'uu** *tv* **1** (used of vessels such  
as cups, glasses, jars, pots, etc.,)  
rinse *shiinii dhiqxee lollaate* She  
washed the cups and rinsed  
them. **2** pierce, pink, transfix;  
run sb through *logaa dhaan isa*  
*lolla'e* He ran him through with a  
spear. **lolla'achuu** *tv* rinse for

self **lollaa** *n* waste water; swill,  
i.e., a mixture of waste water  
and solid food *lollaa hoolaa dhaa*  
*kenni* Give the swill to the sheep.

**lolloca** Same as *lollojjii*

**lollojjii** *n* nausea, sickness, or  
vomiting

**lolloqa** See *lolloquu*

**lolloqaa** See *lolloquu*

**lolloqsuu** See *lolloquu*

**lolloquu** *iv* **1** (usu used of tongue)

stick out loosely *sa'a keessaa*

*arrabatu lolloqe* The cow's tongue

stuck out loosely **2** be very thin

and lanky simultaneously

**lolloqa** *n* lankiness **lolloqaa** *adj*

(usu of male humans) skinny

and lanky **lolloqsuu** *tv* stick out

(tongue or corn shoot) *sa'i arraba*

*lolloqsite* The cow stuck out its

tongue loosely. *boqqolloon*

*daraaraa lolloqseera* The corn has

stuck out its shoot. **lollqxuu** *adj*

(usu of female humans) skinny

and lanky

**lolloqxuu** See *lolloquu*

**loloosoo** *n* wedges/wood pieces

around the necks of yoke of

oxen, attached to both ends of

yoke

**loloosuu** *tv* build sth, e.g. a fence,

by joining wood together

**lolsiisuu** Same as *lolchiisuu* under  
*loluu*

**loltuu** See *loluu*

**loluu** *tv* (usu talks *wal*) quarrel;

fight *maaliif naan lolti?* Why is

she quarrelling with me? *wal*

*lolaniiru* They have quarreled

(with each other) **lola** *n* **1** quarrel

*lola qabu* They have a quarrel with each other. *lolli akkamitti ka'e?* How did the quarrel/fight begin? **2** fight *ilmi isaa lola jaal'ata* His son likes a fight. **3** Same as *ooodaa* under *ooduu* **lolachuu** *tv* defend self by fighting back *maaliif lolachuu dhiiftee boossa?* Why are you crying instead of fighting back? **lolumuu** *tv* (passive) be scolded **lolchiisuu** *tv* (takes *wal*) set against, i.e., make two or more persons be unfriendly or hostile to each other *isatu haadhaa fi ilma wal lolchisiise* He was the one who set the mother and her son against each other. **loltuu** *n 1* one who is fond of quarrels/fight **2** fighter; soldier **3** private, a soldier with the lowest rank *loltuu Gammadaa* Private Gamadaa

**lommoxuu** *tv* beat out gold and change it into ornament; sift gold-bearing sand to extract gold *warqee lommoxa* He beats out gold and changes it into ornaments/He is a goldsmith. **2** spin cotton into thick thread *jirbii lommoxxee bullukkoo dhoofsifatte* She span cotton into thick thread and had a heavy cotton blanket made (woven) for her.

**lommoxoo** *adj* tall

**loocciyyi** Same as *lollojjii*

**looccuu** Same as *lootuu*

**loofee** *adj, n 1* sorgho the flower of which is tuft as opposed to

*faca'aa* with flowing/hanging flowers **2** Same as *lasee* and *surrata*

**looga** See *looguu*

**loogaa** See *looguu*

**loogachuu** See *looguu*

**loogduu** See *looguu*

**loogii** Same as **looga** under *looguu*

**loogsisuu** See *looguu*

**looguu** *tv 1* See *garaa nama looguu* under *garaa* **looga** *n 1* taking more than one's share when sharing sth **2** breach of a promise **loogaa** *adj 1* cheat **2** straw in a thatched roof through which rain leaks **loogachuu** *tv* take more than one's share for self **loogduu** *adj* of a person who takes more than his/her share or who doesn't keep promise **loogsisuu** *tv* cause to take more than one's share or to break a promise

**lookoo** *n 1* a kind of tree **2** bifurcated wood that is used as a halter or a bit **3** slim and tall **loollii** *n* an epidemic of cattle disease *sa'a koo loolliitu fixe* An epidemic disease wiped out my cattle.

**loolloo** *adj* skinny and tall (unpleasant to look at)

**loomaa** *adj 1* (usu of trees) straight, i.e., without a curve *akaakiltii loomaa* a straight eucalyptus tree **2** (usu of male) wise *angafii doofaa dha; quxisuun loomaa dha* (a line in girl's song) The first-born is rather ignorant

whereas a second, third- ... born is wise.

**loomii** *n* lemon or lime

**loon** *n* (pl) cattle; cows **loon**

**fooraa** *n* cattle left alone to graze day and night

**loon fooraa** See *loon*

**loosa** *n* a log for barring a gate

**loosaa** See *loosuu*

**loosha** *adj* slim, straight, tall, and beautiful

**loosifachuu** See *loosuu*

**loosoo** *n* a game played by throwing and passing a stick under another stick that had been lying horizontally on the ground

**loosuu** *tv* **1** pull out of a bundle, thatch, etc., *hidhaa birri keessaa lama loosi naa fidi* Pull out two birri from the bundle (of birri) and bring me. **2** pass or slip sth through an eye of a needle, under a door, through a hole in a wall, etc. *balbala jalaan naa loosi* Slip it under the door for me.

**loosaa** *n* pulling out, usu one by one at intervals *birri hidhaa tokko*

*loosaa dhaan fixne* We finished a bundle of birri by pulling out a birri or so at a time. **loosifachuu**

*tv* have sb reinforce a fence for self by filling an empty space in a fence with wood and the like

**lootee galtuu** See *loowuu*

**lootii** *n* **1** earring, usu worn by men who have proved their virility by killing big game, etc. **2** good-looking *magaala lootii* brown and good-looking

**lootuu** *n* salamander/lizard

**loowuu** *iv* **1** (of reptiles) crawl or creep *ilaali! bofi sun muka arra*

*loowa* Look! That snake is crawling on the tree. **2** worm one's way through *arangamaa jala loowee darbe* He wormed his way through the thorny undergrowth. **3** sneak, or tiptoe *lootee ol galte* She sneaked in.

**lootee galtuu** guerrilla; skulker

**loqoda** See *loqoduu*

**loqodaa** See *loqoduu*

**loqoduu** *iv* talk nonsense or gibberish *maaf achi taa'ee loqodaa?* Why does he sit there and talk nonsense? **loqoda** *adj* (usu male) nonsensical *namicha loqodaa* a nonsensical man

**lowaa** See *loowuu*

**lowuu** *iv* **1** creep or crawl **2** walk very slowly **lowaa** *adj*, *n* **1** of reptiles that crawl or of a person who walks very slowly; see also *loowuu* **2** worm that wallows in wet places **3** a mule disease that usu infects the tongue

**loxolloxuu** *tv* knead or mould dough or wet clay *suphee loxolloxxi* She is moulding the clay.

**luba** See *luboomuu*

**luba baasuu** See *luba bawuu*

**luba bawuu** *iv* **1** (use of a man who is a member of *gadaa* party) celebrate one's fortieth (40<sup>th</sup>) birthday **2** Same as *dhanna qabachuu* under *dhanna luba baasuu* *tv* **1** celebrate a fortieth



birthday 2 Same as *dhanna qabuu*  
under *dhanna*  
**lubbamuu** See *lubbuu*<sup>1</sup>  
**lubbisuu** Same as *lubbuu nama*  
*baasuu* under *lubbuu*<sup>1</sup>  
**lubbuu**<sup>1</sup> *n* 1 soul 2 life *lubbuu isaa*  
*baay'ee jaal'ata* He loves his life  
very much. **lubbamuu** *iv* feel too  
stressed and anxious *akkana hin*  
*lubbamin ni/in qaqqabdaa* Don't  
feel stressed so much; you will  
get there in time. **lubbuu**  
**dhabuu** *iv* 1 die 2 fear; be a  
coward **lubbuu nama baasuu** *tv*  
trouble; send/drive sb crazy  
*ijjoolleen kun lubbuu na baafiti*  
These children are sending me  
crazy. **lubbuu qabaachuu** *iv* 1  
Same as *lubbuun keessa jiraachuu*  
below 2 be courageous; be  
fearless **lubbuuf nama jaal'a-**  
**chuu** *tv* love or like sb very  
much *dhirsa isee lubbuuf jaal'atti*  
She loves her husband very  
much. **lubbuun keessa**  
**jiraachuu** *iv* (used of a person or  
animal that is extremely ill) be  
alive; not died yet *hin duune;*  
*ammayyuu lubbuun isa keessa jira*  
He is not dead; he is still  
breathing. **lubbuun nama**  
**qabuu** *iv* be in a predicament;  
have a serious problem, or suffer  
hardships *iyya hin/im beekuun yoo*  
*lubbuun nama hin qabne* (saying)  
One who says, "I do not know  
how to cry" is the one who has  
not experienced hardships  
/tribulations. **lubbuutti**  
**jiraachuu** *iv* be in one's death

throes *hedduu dhukkuba; lubbuutti*  
*jira* He is very ill; he is in his  
death throes. **lubbuutti**  
**qabachuu** *tv* put sth precious in  
the safest possible place so as not  
to lose it *mi'a kana lubbuutti*  
*qabadhu* Put this article in the  
safest possible place (a place  
like a vault for the safekeeping  
of valuables).

**lubbuu**<sup>2</sup> *n, tv* 1 gift or present  
*lubbuu naa bite* He bought me a  
present. 2 make sb a present of  
sth "soddaan kee sii lubbayaa?"  
*jennaan "mee lubbuu koo naa ha*  
*hambisu"* jette (saying) When  
asked, "Does your son-in-law  
give you a present?" She replied,  
"Let alone a present, I'd be lucky  
if he didn't take my life."

**luboo** See *luboomuu*

**luboomuu** *iv* 1 (usu of a nation)  
be free or independent 2 be  
ordained a priest in the *gadaa*  
system **luba** *n* a priest or a  
clergyman 3 a title of respect  
prefixed to a priest's name;  
Reverend *luba Waaqtolaa*  
Reverend *Waaqtolaa luboo n*  
chief priest

**luceessuu** Same as *luuccessuu*

**luchee** (vulgar) Same as *buqushaa*

**ludaa** Same as *lodaa*

**ludachuu** *iv* be tall and clumsy

**lufeessuu** Same as *fullaasuu* (1)

**luffee**<sup>1</sup> *adj* 1 calabash with both  
ends that taper 2 Same as *luggee*

3 a variety of *agadaa* (see) *luffee*<sup>2</sup>

**luffee**<sup>2</sup> See *luffisuu*

**luffittuu** Same as *luffee* under *luffisuu*  
**luffisaa** See *luffisuu*\*  
**luffistuu** Same as *luffee* under *luffisuu*  
**luffisuu** *iv* run about or prowls  
*sareen kun asii fi achi luffifti* This dog runs here and there. **luffee** *adj* (person) roving or wandering about *intalli luffeen kun eessa deemte?* Where has this wandering daughter gone?  
**luffisaa** *adj* (of male) roving or wading about  
**lufuu** *tv* 1 Same as *darbu* (1) 2 Same as *luquumuu*  
**luga** Same as *afaan* (2)  
**lugaa** See *luguu*<sup>2</sup>  
**luggachuu** *tv* (usu of head) be oval shaped and have a tapering crown *mataan mucaa kanaa ni/in luggate* This child's front and back part of the head is tapering  
**luggee** *adj* of head that tapers both in front and the back  
**luggeessuu** *tv* (used of man-made vessel, utensil, etc.) cause to taper  
**luggee** See *luggachuu*  
**luggeessuu** See *luggachuu*  
**lugna** See *lugnoomuu*  
**luneessuu** Same as *lugnoomsuu* under *lugnoomuu*  
**lugnoomsuu** See *lugnoomuu*  
**lugnoomuu** *iv* turn or become a coward *ilmi isaa duraa dulloome* His son turned a coward. **lugna** *adj* coward *lugnoomsuu tv* cause to be coward *bishaan hin daakin si nyaataa jedhanii mucaa koo*

**lugnoomsani** By repeatedly telling him that he would drown if he swam, they made my son a coward. **lugnummaa** *n* cowardice

**lugnummaa** See *lugnoomuu*

**lugucii** Same as *kurkuduu*

**luguu**<sup>1</sup> *tv* 1 Same as *luuguu*<sup>1</sup> 2 suck; see also *hodhuu*

**luguu**<sup>2</sup> *iv* 1 Same as *qaxxisuu* (1) and *loowuu* (3) 2 climb *muka lugee* He climbed a tree. **lugaa** *adj, n* sneaker, sneaking *namichi lugaan kun karaa kam ol gale?* Which way did this sneaking man enter?

**luka** *n* 1 hind leg 2 leg, i.e., the back part of the hind-quarter of a food animal 3 thigh

**lukkee** Same *luggee* under *luggachuu*

**lukkuu** Same as *indaaqqoo*

**lukkuumuu** Same as *luqqumuu*

**luk luk** See *luk lukuu*

**luk lukee** See *luk lukuu*

**luk lukii** Same as *luk luk* under *luk lukuu*

**luk lukuu** *iv* (of a mule) trot, i.e., go at a gait between a walk and a run *luk luk n* a manner/gait of trotting **luk lukee** *adj* trotting

**lukumee** Same as *lum'ee*

**lulamuu** See *luluu*<sup>2</sup>

**lulee** See *luluu*<sup>2</sup>

**luleessuu** See *luluu*<sup>2</sup>

**lullukaa** *n* a disease of animals, usu cattle, that makes them shiver

**lulluluu** Same as *luluu*<sup>1</sup>

**lulluuqqachuu** *tv* (used of mouth only) rise *awuu nyaattee fixxuu gaaf hundumaa afaan kee*

**lulluuqqadhu** After you finish eating always rinse your mouth.

**lulluuqqii** *n* 1 dirty water with which the mouth has been rinsed 2 fast breaking, usu at the end of the daily fast during Ramadan

**lulluuqqii** See **lulluuqqachuu**

**lulum gochuu** *tv* (usu of soft food or quagmire) mire; swallow, usu without chewing *lafti caffee sun kaleessa miilla koo lulum godhe* My feet were mired in that marsh yesterday. *marqaa lulum godhe* He swallowed porridge (without chewing).

**luluu**<sup>1</sup> *tv* shake *mataa natti lule* He shook his head at me.

**luluu**<sup>2</sup> *tv* (usu handiwork) make beautiful **lulamuu** *tv* (passive) be made beautiful **lulee** *adj* (of handiwork) beautiful **luleessuu** *tv* cause to be beautiful *ilmi koo barcuma koo sirriitti naa luleesse* My son made my stool beautiful.

**lumaamii** *n* stain, usu on teeth or plow

**lumaasa** *n* name of the 17<sup>th</sup> day of a month

**lumee** Same as *lum'ee*

**lum'ee** 1 Same as *qolee* 2 Same as *lumma*

**lumma** *n* 1 Adam's apple; see also *liqimsituu* (1) 2 node-like natural growth loosely hanging on the throat of some sheep 3 goiter; see also *kallaadoo*

**lummullumuu** Same as *munyuusuu*

**lunna** Same as *lugna* under *lugnoomuu*

**luqqa'aa** See *luqqa'uu*

**luqqaatuu** See *luqqa'uu*

**luqqa'uu** *iv* 1 (used of skin) chafe or gall, i.e., become sore by abrasion and friction *dugdi harree keenyaa luqqaayeera* Our donkey's back has been chafed. 2 (used of bark of a tree, skin, paintwork, etc.,) scrape sth (from/off sth), i.e., injure or damage by harsh rubbing *ilmi koo kufee jilbi isaa luqqa'e* My son fell and scraped his knee. **luqqa'aa** *adj* chafed; scraped, or galled **luqqaatuu** *adj* (of persons) 1 scraped and thinned 2 extremely poor

**luqqifachuu** *tv* cast off skin *bofatu asitti luqqifate* It is a snake that cast off its skin here.

**luqqifamuu** *tv* 1 be plucked or pulled out from a bundle 2 be chafed or galled 3 be poor; be skinny **luqqifata** *n* slough, i.e., the dead outer skin shade by a snake; see also *muuxata* under *muuxachuu* **luqqisaa** *n* skein or spool of cotton thread as removed from a spindle **luqqisuu** *tv* 1 pluck; pull out, usu from a bundle *birri isa abbaa kudhanii tokko luqqisee naa kenne* He pulled out a ten-birri bill (from a bundle of tied birri) and gave it to me. 2 chafe or gall *qambariin gateettii sangaa luqqise* The yoke galled the ox's

shoulder. 3 remove a skein or spool of weft or warp off the bobbin 4 scald *danfatu arka koo na luqqise* Hot water scalded my hand.

**luqqee** *adj* (usu of meat) a part around the loins *foon luqqee loin meat*

**luqqeettii** Same as *luqqeettuu*

**luqqeettuu** *n* hip, usu of a human being *mucaa isee luqqeettuutti baatti* She carries her child on her hip.

**luqqifachuu** See *luqqa'uu*

**luqqifamuu** See *luqqa'uu*

**luqqifata** See *luqqa'uu*

**luqqisa** *n* usu a young bull castrated and fed properly until it is fattened

**luqqisaa** *n* 1 See *luqqa'uu* 2 skin bag made from goat's pelt

**luqqisee** *n* roll or bread baked on a large pan after the dough is wrapped up in a leaf

**luqqisuu** See *luqqa'uu*

**luqquumuu** *to* chew/munch; fill the mouth with food and eat slowly *maal luqquumti?* What is it that she stuffed in her mouth and eat/chew so slowly?

**luqucoo** *n* sample, i.e., not for sale

**luqum gochuu** *to* (used of food only) bolt; gulp down; swallow without chewing *marqaa fal'aana tokko luqum godhe* He bolted a spoonful of porridge. **luqumii** *n* mouthful *foon luqumii tokko duwwaa naa kennite* She gave me only a mouthful of meat.

**luqumii** See *luqum gochuu*

**lusuu** *adj* morose; sullen or sulky

**luxuu** Same as *huuxoo*

**luuccaa** See *luucca'uu*

**luucca'uu** *iv* (used of hair) be straight **luuccaa** *adj* (of hair) straight *mataan isaa luuccaa dha* His hair is straight, i.e., not kinky **luuccessuu** *to* cause hair to be straight

**luuccessuu**<sup>1</sup> *to* 1 flatten out or form a path, usu by treading on corn, sorghum, plant, etc., so that it is easy to move about in the crop 2 (usu grass or crops like barley, wheat, or *xaafii*) flatten or form a path so that it extends in one direction only *booyyeetu asiin marga luuccessee darbe* It seems that wild pigs formed this path when passing this way

**luuccessuu**<sup>2</sup> See *luucca'uu*

**luuchee** (vulgar) Same as *buqushaa*

**luufuu** *iv* eat and drink to the last bite/drop *aannan xoofoo tokko luufee mana baye* He drank a cup of milk to the last drop and left.

**luugachuu** See *luuguu*

**luugama** See *loggomuu*

**luugduu** See *luuguu*

**luugoo**<sup>1</sup> *n* 1 fresh horse bean (vicia faba) boiled without removing the pods 2 horse bean pod

**luugoo**<sup>2</sup> grazing pasture around rivers

**luugoo<sup>3</sup>** *n* rope tied to a boat and tree used as a pulley for crossing a river

**luugsifachuu** See *luuguu*

**luuguu<sup>1</sup>** *tv* plane away/down irregularities on wood *somaa eeboo isaa luugee* He planed the handle of his spear. 2 curl one's hair *mataa isee luugde* She curled her hair. 3 (of birds) damage certain crops, *usu xaafii* (see) by pulling out the seed-bearing shoot with their beaks *simbirroon xaafii luugdee fixxe* The birds have completely damaged the *xaafii* by pulling out the seed-bearing shoots.

**luuguu<sup>2</sup>** *tv* 1 open the pods, usu of peas and horse beans, take out the seeds and eat them 2 suck *tiksituun tokko tokko arma sa'a luuguu jaal'atu* Some shepherds like to suck cow teats (at the grazing place).

**luugachuu** *tv* open pods of peas and horse beans and eat the seeds for self **luugduu** *adj* of a shepherd who sucks a cow's teats and finishes milk before the cow comes home 2 of a person who causes poverty

**luugsifachuu** *tv* make a person, usu females, milk a cow for self *dhukkubsadheen sa'a koo*

**luugsifadhe** I made sb milk the cow for me because I was ill.

**luula'uu** *iv* be/become straight *eeboon isaa luula'eeraaf* His spear has become straight for him.

**luulessuu** *tv* cause to be straight

*eeboo isaa luuleffatee qabate* He made his spear straight and held it

**luumxa'uu** *iv* be drenched, i.e., get wet to the skin, *usu* in the rain *bokkaa keessa deemaa ooleen luumxa'e* I am drenched because I was walking in the rain all day.

**luumxessuu** *tv* cause to be drenched or cause to be wet to the skin *bokkaatu na luumxesse* The rain caused me to be drenched

**luumxessuu** See *luumxa'uu*

**luunxa'uu** Same as *luumxa'uu*

**luuphii** Same as *luuccaa* under *luucca'uu*

**luusa'uu** Same as *laabba'uu*

**luusha** *n* usu of dogs that sneak or tiptoe and bite a person

**luuxii** (vulgar) hermaphrodite

**luuxuu** Same as *qaxxisuu*

**luuyna** Same as *lugna* under *lugnoomuu*

**luuyyaa** *n* a kind of tree

## m/M

**maa<sup>1</sup>** *adv* (interrogative) [short form of *maaliif*] why *maa nu cunqursu?* Why do they oppress us? *maa na jibbe?* Why did he hate me? *maa boossi?* Why is she crying?

**maa<sup>2</sup>** (an expression indicating refusal only) no, i.e., opposite of alright or OK *maa, hin dhufu* No, I won't come. *maa, hin dhaqu* No,

I won't go. *maa, sii hin kennu* No,  
I won't give it to you.

**maacoo** *n* property of a deceased  
person which is given to a  
*qaalluu* (see)

**maacoo** *n* 1 stomach; tummy  
*maacoo keetu hir'atee maa boossa?*  
Are you crying because your  
tummy is not full? Same as  
*macuree*

**maadaruu** *iv* do *asii maal*  
*maadarta?* What are you doing  
here?

**maaddii** *n* 1 a large, flat straw or  
wooden basket used as a dining  
table 2 (fig) food or meal  
*maaddiin dhiyaatee?* Is  
food/meal/dinner ready?

**maa'eessa** *n* lame animal

**maa'ela**<sup>1</sup> Same as *maa'ila* under  
*maa'iluu*

**maa'ela**<sup>2</sup> *n* faction

**maa'essa** *adj* 1 (usu of domestic  
animal, especially bulls) defiant,  
disobedient, recalcitrant,  
rebellious, restive, recusant,  
stubborn, or headstrong, i.e.,  
refuses to be restrained *afaan*  
*nagaan maa'essa alaa galcha*  
(saying) A softspoken person  
with a positive attitude induces  
a defiant animal to enter its coral  
or pen. 2 posterior, i.e., coming  
after in time, later, or subsequent  
*ijoollee maa'essa dhalatan* children  
born after the first-born 3 dusk  
*maa'eessa dhufe* He came around  
dusk **maa'ettii** *adj* (of females) 1  
young, i.e., born subsequent to  
the first-born 2 a wife of a son

born subsequent to the first-  
born; cf., *soorettii* (2) under  
*sooromuu*

**maa'ettii** See *maa'essa*

**maaf** Same as *maaliif*

**maagaa** See *maaga'uu*

**maagaa bokkaa** Same as *loddee*

**maagada** *n* a channel for  
conveying water to irrigate a  
farm

**maagara** See *maagaruu*

**maagaruu** *tv* fasten or secure a  
wall with horizontal beams *kabaa*  
*mana isaa maagaree fixee?* Has he  
finished fastening the wall of his  
house with rafters? **maagara** *n*  
rafter

**maagata** Same as *maagada*

**maaga'uu** *iv* be infected with;  
develop ascarid, nematode, or  
roundworm *mucaan koo*  
*maaga'eera* My child is  
infected with roundworms.

**maagaa** *n* roundworm

**maagessuu** *tv* cause  
roundworms *ijoollee maaltuu*  
*maagessa?* What makes children  
get roundworms? **maagoftuu** *adj*  
infected with roundworms;  
skinny

**maagee** *n* crop that sprouts in  
May; crop that doesn't need  
much rain to grow

**maagessa** *n* torch made of animal  
fat and used as a source of light

**maagessuu** See *maaga'uu*

**maagoftuu** See *maaga'uu*

**maa'ii** *n* 1 affair; business; concern  
*maa'ii maalii asii qabda?* What

business do you have here? 2  
Same as *booda*

**maa'ila** See *maa'iluu*

**maa'ilaa** See *maa'iluu*

**maa'iluu** *iv* (used of permanent teeth) overlap or grow improperly by erupting before baby teeth fall out *ilkaan isaa nij/in maa'ile* His baby and permanent teeth overlapped  
**maa'ila** *n* teeth that overlap  
**maa'ilaa** *adj* (of permanent teeth) overlapping or improperly grown; crooked *ilkaan isaa maa'ilaa dha* His teeth are improperly grown.

**maajisa** Same as *majisa*

**maakkal'oo** *n* principle

**maal** (usu interrogative pron) what *maal taate?* What is the matter with you? "*maal maqne?*" *jette sareen jaamaa dhaltee* (humor) "What sin have we committed", said a bitch after giving birth to blind puppies. *maal natti iyya?* What for does he shout at me? *maaltu si dhibe?* What is your problem? *maal jarana, nuyi woo saba tokkoo maa wal jibbina?* People, we are of the same blood. So why do we hate each other? "*maaltu oola jettanii abidda na dhowwattu?*" *jette maraatuun ollaa dhaan* (saying) "What for are you refusing to give me fire?" said a crazy person to a neighbor [whether you give me fire or not, I am going to burn a house anyway].

**maala** *n* dewlap, i.e., a skin fold that hangs under the throat of cattle

**maalaa** *n* 1 postnatal pain or depression 2 stretch mark

**maalala** See *maalalchiisuu*

**maalalchiisuu** *tv* amaze, astonish, astound, dumbfound, flabbergast, or surprise *waanti kun na maalalchiisa* This thing surprises me. **maalala** *n* wonder *kompjuteriin maalala* The wonders of computers!

**maalalsiifachuu** Same as

*mararfachuu* under *mararuu*

**maalaluu** *tv* have a low opinion of sb *osoo dubbii hin xiinxalin waan dhageessee fi waan dubbifte hunda amanta; si maalale* You believe whatever you read and hear; I have a low opinion of you. See also *taajjabuu*

**maaldaa** *n* metal anklet or

bracelet, usu worn by children

**maaliif** long form of *maa<sup>1</sup> maaliif na gaafatta?* Why do you ask me?

**maallaqa** *n* coin or money in general

**maallima** *n* 1 teacher or scholar 2 a person believed to have the power to prevent rain or stop it when it begins to rain

**maaloo<sup>1</sup>** (vocative) please, i.e., polite form of request *maaloo hin deeminaa* Please don't go. *maaloo birri shan naa liqeessi* Please lend me five birri.

**maaloo<sup>2</sup>** (interrogative; used by a second person when the first speaker's subject of a sentence is

not clear or stated) Speaker A:  
*argitee?* Have you found/seen it?  
 Speaker B: *maaloo?* What, i.e.,  
 found what?

**maalree** *adv* 1 yes, of course, i.e.  
 an interrogatory expression of  
 emphatic agreement or consent  
 Speaker A: *abbaan kee akiimii*  
*dhaa?* Speaker B: *maaree?* yes, of  
 course (what else can he be!) 2  
 then, i.e., in that case Speaker A:  
*dhufuu barbaaddaa?* Do you want  
 to come? Speaker : *maalree?* Yes,  
 of course. Speaker A: *maalree*  
*kottuu kaa* Then, come/Come  
 then.

**maamama** Same as *malaa* under  
*mala'uu*

**maamila** Same as *maammila*

**maammadu** *iv* walk about

aimlessly *asii fi achi maammada*  
 He is walking about aimlessly  
**maamma'uu** *iv, tv* 1 dissolve or  
 melt *ashaboon koo na duraa*  
*maamma'e* My salt melted away.  
 2 carry sb (usu a baby) or sth on  
 one's back *mucaa maamma'attee*  
*ganama deemte* She carried a baby  
 on her back and set out in the  
 morning.

**maammila** *n* a regular client or  
 customer

**maammula** Same as *ijoollee*

**maamuulee** *adj* (of a child) very  
 young *mucaa maamuulee* a very  
 young child

**maan'aa** Same as *quxisuu*

**maandhaa** Same as *quxisuu*

**maandhee** *n* cell, i.e., the basic  
 organizational unit of a political  
 movement

**maan'ee** Same as *mandhee*

**maangoo** *n* mango plant or fruit

**maanguddoo** *n* woman/man, usu  
 respectable and elderly

**maankaa** Same as *fal'aana*

**maanqorqoraa** *n* kettle

**maant** Same as *maal*

**maantrat** Same as *buddeena*

**maanxa'uu** *tv* contaminate, usu by  
 spreading confusing ideas

**maanxaa** *adj* subversive, i.e., of a  
 person who wrecks unity,  
 organization, etc. *namicha*  
*maanxaa tokkotu nu diiguuf*  
*tattaaffata* One subversive  
 individual is trying to wreck our  
 unity.

**maanyuuqa** Same as *maammula*

**maarashaa** *n* plowshare, i.e., share  
 of a plow

**maarbuqii** Same as *maburuqii*

**maaree** Same as *maariyee*

**maaridee** Same as *maariyyee*

**maaritee** Same as *maariyyee*

**maariyyee** *n* smallpox *fuula*  
*maariyyee* pock marked face

**maarkaa** Same as *bu'aa* (1) under  
*bu'uu*

**maarraa** Same as *toora*

**maarrajjii** Same as *marrajii*

**maarraxuu** Same as *qalladuu*

**maaree** Same as *maalree*

**maasa** *n* animal (usu cattle)  
 disease that causes sore on lips  
 and around hoof

**maasaa** See *maasa'uu*



**maasa'uu** *iv* (of virgin soil)  
cleared, developed, or  
cultivated, i.e., be ready for  
farming *kun dur bajjii ture; baran*  
*maasa'e* This plot of land used to  
be virgin; it has been developed  
and cultivated this year. **maasaa**  
*n* farm, i.e., a tract of land on  
which crops are raised; see also  
*ooyiruu*

**maashaa** *n* stew made from peas,  
horse beans, or lentils

**maashoo** *n* lantern

**maasii** Same as *maasaa* under  
*maasa'uu*

**maataba** *n* decorated, long yarn  
necklace that reaches the navel

**maatii** *n* family, usu collective  
name for children *maatii badaa*  
*qaba* He has many children

**maattoo** Same as *beera*

**maaxanuu** Same as *muruu* (1)

**maaxaraa** *n* lid of a bowl of a  
hookah

**maaxarii** See *maaxaruu*

**maaxaruu** *tv* (of domestic animal)  
eat clothes **maaxarii** *adj* of  
domestic animals that eat clothes  
*jabbii maaxarii* a calf that eats  
clothes

**maaxii** Same as *muxii* (1)

**maaxuu** *tv* (usu trees) cut back,  
lop (away/off), or prune *muka*  
*maxi* Prune the tree

**maayessa** Same as *maa'essa*

**maayii** Same as *maa'ii*

**maayiluu** Same as *maa'iluu*

**maburuqqii** *n* drill, i.e., strong,  
cotton cloth

**mac** an expression used to  
command a mule start moving  
or go faster

**macaafa** *n* book *macaafa qulqulluu*  
Bible

**macaanyaa** *n* girth, cinch or  
bellyband, i.e., a strap encircling  
a pack animal's body to secure a  
load or saddle upon its back

**macalaasuu** Same as *malaasuu*  
under *mala'uu*

**macalaqsuu** Same as *malaasuu*  
under *mala'uu*

**macalaquu** Same as *mala'uu*

**macalufa** Same as *mar'umaan*

**macaqoloo** *n* a cup used for  
measuring cereals, coffee beans,  
etc.

**macata** *n* compensation, usu  
demanded by a tenant when  
evicted from land

**macca** *n* 1 nation, people, or a  
well-known Oromo tribe 2 any  
person *kana maccatu beeka* Any  
person knows this.

**machaaraa** *n* 1 bramble, i.e., any  
prickly shrub or bush 2 climber,  
i.e., a plant notorious for trailing  
coffee trees

**machaawuu** *iv* be/get drunk, get  
tipsy, or become intoxicated,  
have had too much; be under  
the influence of alcohol/liquor  
*araqee dhugee/dhugdee*

*machaaye/machooft* He/She  
drank arack and became  
intoxicated. **macheessaa** *adj*  
intoxicating *dhugaatii macheessaa*  
intoxicating drink **macheessuu**  
*tv* cause to be drunk; get drunk

on *farsootu isa macheesse* He got drunk on beer. **machii** *n* drunkenness *machii dhaan dubbate* He said what he said in a drunken state. **machooftuu** *adj* (of a person) drunk; drunkard *machooftuu kanatti hin eerumin* Don't marry this drunkard. **machallaa** *n* tanned leather or hide, usu with a design, used mainly as a bed sheet for sleeping on  
**macheessaa** See *machaaawuu*  
**macheessuu** See *machaaawuu*  
**machii** See *machaaawuu*  
**machooftuu** See *machaaawuu*  
**macuree** Same as *xeerii* (1)  
**madaa** See *madaawuu*  
**madaaba** Same as *madaabii*  
**madaabii** *n* copper, i.e., a soft redish metal  
**madaala** See *madaaluu*  
**madaallachuu** See *madaaluu*  
**madaallii** Same as *madaala* under *madaaluu*  
**madaaluu** *tv* weigh *buna madaalee na arraa bite* He weighed the coffee and bought it from me. **madaala** *n* 1 balance or scale 2 large gourd **madaallachuu** *tv* weigh for self *ofumaanan madaalladhee bitadhe* I myself weighed it and bought it.  
**madaawuu** *iv* 1 be wounded *lola dheengadaa arratti nama baay'eeetu madaaye* Many people were wounded in that fight that broke out the day before yesterday. 2 ulcerate, i.e., become sore *miilli isaa madaayeera; dafee hin fayyuu*

*ta'a* His foot has become sore or ulcerated; it may not heal quickly. 3 be wounded; be hurt, i.e., suffer mental pain as a result of insult *arrabsoo dhaan na madeesse* He hurt my feelings by insulting me. **madaa** *n* 1 sore, ulcer, or wound, i.e., an inflammatory lesion on the skin *miilli isaa madaa duwwaa dha* His foot/leg is full of sores/ulcers. *madaan madaa saree siif ha ta'u* May your wound heal fast (lit as fast as that of dogs' sore) 2 sore, i.e., sorrow *garaan isaa madaa qaba* He has a sore heart. **madeessuu** *tv* wound *kaleessa daljeessa tokkon madeesse* I wounded a baboon yesterday. **madooftuu** *adj* (of the body) full of sores

**madaba** Same as *madabii*

**madabii** *n* 1 raised platform of earth in a living room, usu used as a seat 2 stand, i.e., a booth, stall or counter in a market place *gabaa keessaa madabii qabdi* She has a stand at the market place. 3 bed for vegetables, seedlings/nursery 4 lot, usu of a specified quantity of meat sold *foon isa madabii sanaa naa wayya* I prefer that lot of meat.

**madadaa** *n* part, row, or section *madadaa tokko taa'aa* Sit in one section. *lafti madaadaan kun kooti* This section of the land is mine.

**madagsuu** Same as *madaqsuu* under *madaquu*

**madaqaa** Same as *madaqoo* under *madaquu*

**madaqoo** See *madaquu*

**madaqsuu** See *madaquu*

**madaquu** *iv* **1** (usu of an animal brought home from a different place) be introduced, acclimatized, or be accustomed to a new environment *sangaan ani bitee fidee sun torban tokko booda sa'atti naa madaqe* The ox I bought and brought home became accustomed to the cattle in this area after a week. **2** (fig) be acquainted with people *inni dafee namatti hin madaqu* He won't be acquainted with people easily. **madaqoo** *adj* (usu of animals) new to an area *sangaan kun madaqoo dha; qalbii dhaan eegaa* This ox is new to this area; watch him carefully. **madaqoo baasuu** *tv* train an animal new to a place until it becomes accustomed **madaqoo bawuu** *iv* be oriented and accustomed to a new environment *sangaan madaqoo bayeera* The ox is now well accustomed to this area. **madaqsuu** *tv* **1** accustom, acclimatize, or introduce animals to a new environment *sangaa dhiyoo bite sana sa'atti madaqsa* He is acclimatizing the recently bought ox to the cattle (in his community). **2** tame *daljeessa madaqsee gurgura* He tames baboons and sells them.

**madda** See *madduu*

**maddee** Same as *xinnoo*

**maddii** *adv*, *n* **1** cheek, i.e., either side of the face below the eye **2** near; close; beside *na maddii taa'i* Sit beside me. See also *bukkee*<sup>1</sup>

**maddisuu** *tv* drink sth down/off/up, i.e., drink/drain to the dregs *farsoo kee maddisi kan biraan sii buusaa* Drink up your beer so that I can pour you another cup.

**maddoo** *n* **1** headstall; see also *fuuloo* under *fuula* **2** Same as *daabee*

**madduu** *iv* **1** (usu used of water that seeps in the ground) flow out, pour, stream or trickle *bishaan kun qarsaa arratti madda* This water seeps and collects on a flat rock. **2** (used of water) dry out *bishaan biirii keessaa maddeera* The water in the water hole has dried out. **madda** *adj*, *n* **1** river; water **2** drop *ani bishaan maddayyuu manaa hin qabu* I haven't got even a drop of water in the house. **3** (neologism) source *maddi oduu kanaa* the source of this information

**madeessuu** See *madaawuu*

**madfii** *n* cannon

**madhawa** Same as *funyoo*

**madh'icha** *n* a leather band put around a donkey's neck for identification purpose

**madiidana** *n* shock, i.e., sheaves of sorghum stacked in the field

**madinii** *n* immunity against disease **madainii bawuu** *iv* develop immunity against certain diseases *ana maariyyeen*

*nan qabuu madinii bayeera* I am immune from smallpox (because I had it already).

**madoo** Same as *madaa* under *madaawuu*

**madooftuu** See *madaawuu*

**mafulusii** *adj* of a mule with only two upper teeth or animal with no teeth

**magaajaa** See *magaaja'uu*

**magaaja'uu** *iv* (usu of a horse or mule) become jaded or worn-out *fardi isaa magaaja'eera* His horse has become jaded. *gaangeen isaas magaajofteetti* His mule, too, is worn-out. **magaajaa** *adj* 1 (usu of horse or mule) jaded; nag 2 (fig) [of persons] lazy or useless **magaajessuu** *tv* cause to be jaded *farda isaa fe'iisaan magaajesse* He wore out his horse (and made him useless for riding) by using him as a pack animal.

**magaajessuu** See *magaaja'uu*

**magaala** See *magaala'uu*

**magaalaa** *n* 1 city or town 2 market or fair

**magaala'uu** *iv* be/become brown or copper colored *qaaraan kun magaala'eera* The green chilli has turned brown. **magaala** *adj* auburn or brown *intala magaala bareedduu tokko* a brown, beautiful girl

**magaasii** *n* saw

**magan** Same as *majan*

**maganfachuu** See *maganuu*

**maganoo** *adj* (of a horse) jaded or nag; see also *magaajaa* under *magaaja'uu*

**magansuu** See *maganu*

**magantaa** See *maganuu*

**maganuu** *tv* beg or persuade a person to do or not to do sth by invoking the name of a favorite deity, etc., *akka iseen dhirsaa fi ijoollee isee dhiiftee hin baane maganeera* I have persuaded her not to leave her husband and children **maganfachuu** *tv* beg or request *hojjadhu jennee si maganfannaa?* Do we have to beg you to work? **magansuu** *tv* reconcile, usu by invoking the name of a loved one, the name of a respectable person, or deity *dhirsaa fi niitii walitti magansaniiru* They have reconciled the husband and the wife. **magantaa** *n* plea or request.

**magariisa** *adj* green

**magariisuu** Same as *magarsuu*<sup>2</sup>

**magarsuu**<sup>1</sup> *iv, tv* (of wound, sore, etc.) become healed by the formation of connective tissue on a healing wound *madaan isaa foon magarseera* His wound has formed connective tissue. 2 (said of sth not visible at first) develop; sprout *areeda magarseera*

**magarsuu**<sup>2</sup> *n* 1 small, green snake 2 green 3 cicatrix/cicatrice

**maggaanyaa** *n* disease or illness believed to be caused by an invisible power (deity or devil); probably draft (current of air)

*balbala arratti magaanyaan isa dhayee du'e* He was hit near the door (by a devil) and died.

**maggaluu** *iv* (person or horse) pace up and down; amble *maaliif asii fi achi maggalta?* Why are you pacing up and down?

**maggartii** *n* wild, pea-like plant the seed of which is believed to be medicine for tapeworm

**magra** Same as *marga* under *marguu*

**margruu** Same as *marguu*

**majaa** *n* 1 Same as *waraabessa* 2 mannure, usu dried and used as compost; dump, i.e., a place where garbage is dumped

**majan** expression used to placate a person who is under psychedelic influence 2 Same as *udaan* under *udaanuu*

**majii** *n* 1 the upper or grinding stone or mill 2 callus, usu callus on the palms **majii baasuu** *iv* (usu used of the palm) be callused *barruun isee daakuu dhaan majii baase* Her palm is callused from grinding.

**majisa** *adj* of a cow that is not dry, i.e., a period of its life when it has a sucking calf and when it is milked

**majjee** Same as *majii*

**makaa** See *makuu*

**makama** See *makamuu*

**makamuu** See *makuu*

**makara** See *makaruu*

**makarachuu** See *makaruu*

**makaraja** Same as *marrajii*

**makarajii** Same as *marrajii*

**makaroonii** *n* macaroni

**makarsiisuu** See *makaruu*

**makaruu** *tv* harvest or reap crop *boqqolloo makaranii fixaniiruu?* Have they finished harvesting the corn? **makara** *n* harvest; season for harvesting *makarri dhiyaateera* Harvesting season is approaching. **makarachuu** *tv* harvest for self **makarsiisuu** *tv* cause to harvest

**makataa** *n* niche or recess in a wall that serves as a shelf

**makiinaa** *n* 1 machine or motor vehicle 2 sewing machine

**makkaaldhoo** Same as *makkalloo*

**makkaddaa** *n* pillow, usu made of leather

**makkalloo** *n* Same as *milkee* under *milkaawuu*

**makkanniisa** *n* a kind of tree [dombeya goetzenni]

**makkaraa** Same as *rakkoo*

**makkaraarsuu** Same as *rakkisuu*

**makkaraaruu** Same as *rakkachuu*

**makmaaksa** Same as *mammaaksa* under *mammaakuu*

**makmaakuu** Same as *mammaakuu*

**makoodii** Same as *gugee*

**makooshoo** *n* ram or he-goat/ billy goat; see also *korbeessa* (1)

**makshuuta** Same as *maagessa*

**maksuu** Same as *maqsuu* under *maquu*

**makuu** *tv* 1 blend, jumble (up), or mix *akaayii garbuutti shumburaa maktee naa kennite* She mixed parched barley with parched chickp-peas and gave it [the mixture] to me. 2 mix one up;

involve *lola keessanitti nan [na hin] makinaa* Don't mix me up in your quarrel. **itti makama** *n* member, usu of an association  
**makaa** *adj, n* mixture;  
 adulterated *aannan makaa*  
 adulterated milk **makama** *adj, n* (of holy place) deconsecrated, defiled, made unholy, or unsanctified *warri qaalluu mana makamaa hin lixanu* Religious leaders do not enter a house that has been defiled **makamuu** *tv* intermingle or be mixed *sa'i isaatii fi hoolaan koo walitti makaman* His cattle intermingled with my sheep. **2** (usu of a religious leader) be unsanctified as a result of mixing with confined/menstruating women, entering a house of a bereaved person who is mourning, going to a funeral, etc., *makameera* He is not clean. *an makaman qaba* (usu said to a religious leader) I'm not clean, so I can't be near you.  
**waliin makuu** Same as **walitti makuu** *tv* mix different animals, people, substances, etc.;  
 adulterate *damma, aannanii fi anqaquu walitti maktee na obaafte* She mixed honey, milk, and eggs together and made me drink. *naggaadeen tokko tokko aannanii fi bishaan walitti makanii gurguru* Some business people adulterate milk with water and sell it.  
**mala** Same as **maluu**  
**malaa** See **mala'uu**  
**malaafachuu** See **mala'uu**

**malaagaa** *n* plane, i.e., tool for trimming wood surface  
**malaqa** *n* a person in charge of distributing water to irrigators  
**malaasuu** See **mala'uu**  
**malachuu** See **maluu**  
**mal'ateeffachuu** *iv* keep in mind signs described to one regarding where sb/sth can be found, what sb/sth looks like, etc., *mana kee mal'ateeffadheen dhufe* I found your house by remembering all the signs/directions described to me *waan ani sitti himu kana mal'ateeffadhu* Register in your memory all the signs I am giving you. **mal'ateessuu** *tv* (applies to signature) sign **mal'atoo** *n* **1** mark or sign; distinguishing features, e.g., a scar on one's body, a tree, or any noticeable spot by which sb/sth may be recognized *mal'atoo dhaaf godaannisa lama ija bitaa bukkee dhaa qaba* His distinguishing features are two scars near his left eye **2** signature **mal'atoo gaaffii** *n* (neologism) question mark [?] **mal'atoo raajeffataa** (neologism) exclamation mark [!]  
**mal'atoo** See **mal'ateeffachuu**  
**mal'ateessuu** See **mal'ateeffachuu**  
**mala'uu** *iv* (said of abscess, a boil, swelling, wound) break/burst, i.e., open and discharge pus *dhullaan isaa mala'eeraaf* His boil has burst for him. **malaa** *n* abscess, pus, or suppuration  
**malaafachuu** *tv* cause boil, swelling, etc. to burst or break

(for self). *dhullaa isaa malaafate* He made his boil burst (for self). **malaa godhachuu** *iv* suppurate, fester, or mature *madaan isaa malaa godhate* His wound has suppurated. **malaasuu** *tv* pinch or squeeze boil, swelling to break/burst *it dhullaa isee eenyutu malaaseef?* Who squeezed pus out of her boil for her?

**malee prep** **1** except; otherwise *isaaf jedheen malee hin dhufun ture* I came only for his sake; otherwise, I wouldn't come. *har'a malee gaaf hundumaa ni/ni hojjanna* We work everyday except today. **2** without *waraqaa eenyummaa malee si hin dabarsanu* They won't let you pass without an identity (ID) card. **3** indeed (when used to intensify or show surprise) *akkana malee ishoo ilma koo* That's how it should be, indeed; well done my son. **4** the one/ones *isa malee iseen maal goote?* He is the one (who is at fault); what has she done?

**maleekaa** *n* **1** angel **2** an honest person; an angel

**maleessa** Same as *malee*

**malkaa** *n* **1** river; river-bed/course of a river **2** confluence of rivers or roads *malkaatti naa eegi* Wait for me at the confluence of the rivers/roads

**mallaa** Same as *maddii*<sup>1</sup> (**1**)

**mallattoo** *n* signature, i.e., a person's name or a mark that stands for the name

**malqa** *adj* (usu of a human baby) newborn

**malqamaa** *n* cloth in which a baby is wrapped and carried

**maltee** See *maluu*

**maltuu** Same as *maltee* under *maluu*

**maluu** **1** devise a scheme or make a plan to do sth *akka inni mana hidhaa hin galle mala maliif* Devise a scheme for saving him from going to jail. **2** be possible, i.e., may or may not happen *lollo ka'uu ni/in mala* A fight may start. *du'uu ni/in mala* He may have died. **mala** *n* scheme, tact/tactic; strategy; solution *malaan malee humna durwaa dhaan hin dandeessu* You need expediency and tact; you cannot do it by force alone. *beekaan malaan bishaan waada* (saying) A wise man can "fry" water with tact. *dubbiin kun mala hin qabu* There is no solution to this issue (problem). **malachuu** *tv* plan or devise a scheme for self *akka biyya keenya rakkoo dhaa baafnu malanneerra* We have devised a scheme by which we can free our country from poverty.

**maltee** *adj, n* schemer; scheming

**namaa maluu** *tv* devise a scheme, tact, or strategy for sb *mee mala naa mali* Come on, come up with a scheme for me.

**namatti maluu** *tv* intrigue or scheme against sb *Bogjee kootti malanii hattuu isa fakkeessan malee*

*inni hattuu miti* My Bogojee has been framed; he is not a thief.  
**mama** See *mamuu*  
**mamii** Same as *mama* under *mamuu*  
**mamiinsa** See *mamuu*  
**mammaaksa** See *mammaakuu*  
**mammaakuu** *iv* use adage, proverb, or saying *maal jedhee mammaake?* What proverb did he use? **mammaaksa** *n* adage, proverb, or saying  
**mammaarsuu** Same as *marmaarsuu* under *marmaaruu*  
**mammaaruu** Same as *marmaaruu*  
**mamsa** Same as *mamiinsa* under *mamuu*  
**mamsiisuu** See *mamuu*  
**mamuu** *iv* 1 dither, hesitate, vacillate, waver, be in two minds about sth, be irresolute/undecided *sangaa isaa gurguruu mame* He hesitated to sell his ox. 2 regret *sangaa isaa eega gurguree booda mame* He regretted after selling his ox.  
**mama** *n* hesitation **mamiinsa** Same as *mama* above **mamsiisuu** *tv* cause to hesitate/have second thoughts  
**mana** *n* 1 house or home *mana qabaa?* Has he got a house? *abbaan kee mana jiraa?* Is your father at home? **manaa baasuu** (usu a wife) *tv* order her to leave a house for good; divorce; take out of the house and throw it away **manaa bawuu** (usu a wife) *iv* leave a house for good; be

divorced; leave a house and go some where (and come back)  
**mana haruu** *tv* clean the house; sweep the floor **mana bawuu** *iv* (usu used of a man who lives with his parents) marry and move out *mana bayeera* He has married and has established his own home **mana taa'uu** *iv* stay at home *mana teessi malee ala baatee hin hojjattu* She stays at home; she doesn't go out and work. 2 (indicating a place where people go to for various reasons; e.g.) **mana dhugaatii** *n* bar, i.e., drinking place **mana fincaanii** *n* toilet **mana foonii** *n* butchery, i.e., a butcher's shop **mana hidhaa** *n* prison **mana hodhaa** *n* tailor shop **mana hojii** *n* office **mana hoteelaa** *n* hotel **mana marii** *n* parliament or council hall **mana mxxansaa** *n* printing house **mana poostaa** *n* post office **mana sagadaa** *n* a place of worship **mana yaa'ii** *n* meeting hall 3 (takes noun or pronoun) in the eyes of sb; from sb's point of view *mana jaraatti nuyi hundinuu gowwaa dha* In their eyes, we are all naïve. 4 (indicating material or quality of a house, e.g.) **mana citaa** a thatched house **mana dhoqqee** a mud house **mana qorqorroo** a house with a roof of corrugated iron **mana mukaa** wood house  
**man'aa** Same as *maan'aa*  
**manaaba** Same as *abjuu*  
**manaama** Same as *abjuu*



**mana uteelaa** Same as *mana*  
*hoteelaa* under *mana*  
**mancaa** Same as *haamtuu* (1)  
 under *haamuu*  
**mancaasuu** See *manca'uu*  
**mancaroora** See *mancarooruu*  
**mancarooruu** *iv* (usu of rain from  
 a roof) drip *bokkaatu mana arraa*  
*mancaroora* It's rain that is  
 dripping from the roof.  
**mancaroora** *n* drippings from a  
 roof  
**manca'uu** *iv* (usu used of  
 premises, house, etc.) 1 be very  
 dirty, untidy, etc. *qeyeen koo*  
*manca'eea* My premises are very  
 dirty and untidy. 2 be destroyed  
 or ravaged *eda midhaan koo*  
*baay'eetu manca'e* Last night  
 much of my crop was destroyed.  
**mancaasuu** *tv* 1 cause to be dirty  
 or untidy *qeyee kana maaltu*  
*akkana mancaase* What made this  
 surrounding so dirty? 2 destroy;  
 lay waste; ravage *daljeessi*  
*midhaan koo mancaase* Baboons  
 ravaged my crop.  
**mancee** *n* shin, i.e., front part of  
 the leg  
**mancituu** *n* delegates at a  
 conference, a political  
 convention, etc.  
**mandala** See *mandaluu*  
**mandaluu** Same as *huruu*  
**mandala** *n* borer or drill, i.e.,  
 instrument for boring holes in  
 pottery, wood, etc.  
**mandara** 1 village 2  
 administrative division larger  
 than *ganda* (2)

**mandaraa** *n* city or urban  
**mandarraa** *n* sheep disease that  
 usu infects the mouth  
**mandhee** *n* 1 nest or cage of a  
 bird; see also *man'ee simbirroo* 2  
 cell, usu organizational  
**mandi'a** Same as *mandiisa* under  
*mandi'uu*  
**mandiidaa** See *mandiiduu*  
**mandiiduu** *iv* 1 grown in size  
 (usu used of plants and volume  
 of water) *muki kun ni/in mandi'e*  
 This tree has grown big. *bishaan*  
*kun mandi'eera*; *keessa hin lixin*  
 This water has become deep;  
 don't enter it. 2 (fig) be very rich  
*abbaan isee mandiideera* Her father  
 has become rich. **mandiidaa** *adj*  
 rich; see also *sooressa* under  
*sooromuu*  
**mandiisa** See *mandi'uu*  
**mandisuu** See *mandi'uu*  
**mandi'uu** *iv* thunder *mandi'aa bule*  
 It was thundering all night.  
**mandiisa** *n* thunder; see also  
*bakakkaa* **mandisuu** *n*, *tv* 1 cause  
 to thunder 2 make a loud noise;  
 thunder 3 Same as *mandi'uu*  
 above  
**man'ee billaa** *n* (of a knife) sheath  
**man'ee hantuutaa** *n* rat's hole  
**man'ee indaaqqoo** Same *qooxii* (1)  
**man'ee sarariitii** *n* cobweb  
**man'ee simbirroo** *n* bird's nest  
**mangaagaa** *n* (applies to both the  
 upper and the lower) jaw  
**mangaagaa hidhaa** *n* lockjaw or  
 tetanus  
**mangaagaa** *n* mumps

**mangiftii** Same as *mootummaa* (2)  
under *moo'uuu*

**mangoo** *n* a divideden that won't go round evenly without a remainder when divided in two's, three's, etc. among recipients; odd man out (a thing left when the others have been arranged in two's, three's, etc.)  
*lama lamaan, sadi sadiyiin, ... wal hin gawu; mangoo dha* The divideden won't go round evenly in two's, three's, etc.; it is odd. For instance, 8 (though even) is odd when it is divided in two's among three recipients because it does not go round evenly without a remainder, in this example 2 remains. It's not a mangoo if it is divided among 2 or 4 recipients.

**manguddoo** Same as *maanguddoo*  
**manii** *n* 1 unit of breadth of a mat, basket, etc., i.e., an equivalent of the width of about four palm leaves lying adjacent to each other touching *andaqii isa kana manii kudha shaniin jalqabe* He started making this mat with a width of fifteen units. 2 tuft of grass 3 target

**manjalloo** *n* lockjaw or tetanus;  
see also *mangaagaa hidhaa* under *mangaagaa*

**mankaraaraa** See *mankaraaruu*

**mankaraarsa** See *mankaraaruu*

**mankaraarsuu** See *mankaraaruu*

**mankaraartuu** See *mankaraaruu*

**mankaraaruu** *iv* be stressed or strained due to hard work; strive

hard to make a living;

**mankaraaraa** *adj* (of a male human) stressed **mankaraarsa** *n* stress and strain **manakaraarsuu** *tv* cause to be stressed or strained **mankaraartuu** *adj* (of female human) stressed and strained

**mankuusa** *n* storage place; store, i.e., a place where things, grains, etc. are kept [lit a house for storing]

**mannaa** *adv* (takes *wayyaa*) rather/better ... than *maqaa abbaa kootii balleessuu mannaa du'uu naa wayya* For me, it's better to die rather than disgrace the family name. *si rakkisuu mannaa ani rakkachuu naa wayya* I would rather be inconvenienced than cause you trouble. *sanaa mannaa kana wayya* This one is better than that one.

**mannaaguu** *iv* try to create, invent, or originate *inni gaaf hundumaa ni/in mannaaga* He always tries to invent sth new/He is always creative.

**mannee** *n* (pl) houses *ganda sana mannee baay'eetu jira* There are many houses in that village.

**manoo** *n* 1 workshop for loom 2 a hole women use for fumigating clothes

**manqalii** *n* a small jar

**manxaraasha** Same as *ankaaksee*

**manyaaqaa** See *manyaaquu*

**manyaaqxuu** See *manyaaquu*

**manyaaquu** *iv* be proud, i.e., show a proper dignity *namichi*

*kun ni/in manyaaqa* This man is dignified (and this is clear from the way he talks, walks, etc.)  
**manyaaqaa** *adj* (of male) proud  
**manyaaqxuu** *adj* (of female) proud  
**manyaaqa** *adj* (of a man or woman) having too much urge for sexual intercourse  
**manyaqqee** Same as *jal'aa* (1) under *jal'achuu*  
**many'ee** *n* 1 leg of an animal, usu cattle, deer, goat, sheep, etc., between the knee and hoof joint  
 2 soup made from smoked leg of cattle *lafée cabaa many'eetu fayyisa jedhu* They say eating broth prepared from cattle legs is the best cure/medicine for a broken bone.  
**maqaa** See *maquu*  
**maqaa** *n* 1 name *maqaaan kee eenyu?* What's your name? 2 in name only as opposed to effective reality; token *maqaa dhumaaf lolu malee akka moowamanu beeku* They offer only token resistance; they know that they will lose the war. *dhirsummaan isaa maqaa dhaaf malee maal naa godhee beeka?* He is my husband only in name; in reality, however, what has he ever done for me? 3 by name, i.e., not by personal acquaintance *maqaa dhaanin isa beeka malee takkaa isa argee him/im beeku* I have never seen him, but I know him by name only.  
**maqaa baasuu** *tv* 1 name *ilma isaa isa dhiyoo dhalateef maqaa*

*baasee?* Has he named his son who was born recently? 2 mention by name *eenyu inni kan mana kana dhufee? maqaa baasi* Who was it that came to this house? Tell me/Mention his name! 3 Same as *maqaa balleessuu* below **maqaa dhaal** *n* (coinage) pronoun **maqaa dhabuu** Same as *maqaa namaa baduu* **maqaa gatu** *iv* do sth immoral without fear of public opinion, i.e., without worrying about the question, "what will people say if I do this terrible thing?"  
**maqaa irra kaawuu** Same as *maqaa namaa balleessuu* below **maqaa maaliif** (expression) for what reason *maqaa maaliif biyyaa baye?* For what reason did he flee the country? **maqaa namaa balleessuu** *iv* calumniate, denigrate, destroy sb's reputation, defame, slander, or traduce *fayyuma maqaa isaa balleessan malee inni waan gaarii hojjate* They slandered him for nothing; actually he did a good job. **maqaa namatti ta'uu** *tv* (said of sth of small quantity or of poor quality received as a gift, etc.,) be only a token without being of much value to the recipient *kopheen inni naa bite maqaa natti ta'e malee takkaa keeyadhe him/im beeku* The pair of shoes he bought for me was only a token; actually I never wore it (because it's of poor quality).  
**maqaa nama baduu** *iv* be

defamed or slandered *maqaan isaa badeera* He is slandered [lit his name is destroyed]  
**maqā dhabeessa** *adj* (usu of male humans) disgraced; fall into disrepute **maqā qabeessa** *adj* (usu of male humans) respectable; famous; well-known  
**maqala** *n* a knife handle, i.e., that part one holds when picking up a knife  
**maqasii** See *maqasuu*  
**maqasuu** *tv* cut with scissors  
**maqasii** *n* scissors  
**maqqoo** See *maquu*  
**maqsaa** See *maquu*  
**maqsuu** See *maquu*  
**maquu** *iv* turn left or right from one's path and stop over/off, etc. *awuu gabaa dhaa deebitu maqii na bira buli* On your way home from the market, stop overnight at our house. **2** get out of the way by stepping aside *harree arraa maqe* He got out of the way of the donkey by stepping aside. **maqā n 1** side road, sidetrack, or branch road **2** sin *maqaa namatti hojjachuun gaarii miti* It's a sin to hurt others. **maqoo** *n* secret (usu spoken or done on the side road) *maqoo bayanii dubbatan* They spoke secretly (on the side road). **maqsaa** *n* irrigation; see also *jal'isii* under *jal'achuu* **maqsuu** *tv* **1** cause to get out of the way; cause to leave the main road and take a branch road; cause to turn left or right *harree karaa kana*

*maqsi* Make the donkey leave the main road and make it come this way. **2** move sth away *ulee kee ija koo irraa maqsi* Move your stick away to prevent it from hitting my eyes. **3** concoct, fabricate, invent, make up, or trump up an excuse, a story, etc., *waan ani hin jedhin jedheera jedhanii maqsan* They made up a statement I had not made (and issued it).  
**mara** *adj* all, i.e., the whole *nama maratu dhufe* All the people came. See also *hunda*  
**maraa** See *maruu*  
**mar'a** See *mar'achuu*  
**maraabaa** Same as *marabbaa*  
**maraachisuu** See *maraachuu*  
**maraachuu** *iv* become insane, lunatic, or mad *ilmi isaa maraateera; mana akiimiitti geessaa* His son has gone mad; take him to the mental hospital. *kan bara eger maraatu barana dudubbata* (saying) He who is going to be mad next year, talks to himself this year. **2** act or behave foolishly as if one is crazy or mad *ni/in maraattee? maaliif kitaaba nama aarsu katabde?* Are you crazy? Why did you write a book that enrages people? **3** be rabid *sareen kun marateera* This dog has become rabid.  
**maraachisuu** *tv* **1** cause to be mad *qorichaan isee maraachisan* They gave her harmful drugs and made her crazy/mad. **2** drive/send sb mad or crazy *ijoollee kun na maraachan* These

children are driving me crazy. **marataa** *adj* (of male) crazy; mad **marattu** *adj* (of female) crazy; mad **maratu** *adj* (of a person) 1 mad; crazy *namichi/niitiin sun maratu dhaa eeggadhu* That man or woman is crazy; watch out! 2 (fig) (usu of a person who acts recklessly) mad; crazy *maratuun kun sodaa him/im beeku* He is crazy; he knows no fear. **maratu funyoo ta'uu** *iv* (of a person) become extremely crazy/mad; be so crazy/mad that the patient has to be restrained or put into a straightjacket [lit be so crazy that the patient has to be tied by a rope] *eega maratu funyoo ta'ee tureera* It has been a long time since he became extremely mad/crazy.

**maramartoo** *n* 1 children's game played by twirling, spinning or whirling about until they become dizzy and fall. The one who spins longer wins. 2 Same as *obomboleettii* 3 epilepsy 4 cycle

**marannaa** See *marachuu*

**marasisaa** *n* a kind of tree that stinks

**marataa** See *marachuu*

**marattu** See *marachuu*

**maratu** See *marachuu*

**marayyaa** Same as *maxanxarii*

**marabbaa** *n* 1 dignity, i.e., calm, serious and imposing manner *abbaan isaa marabbaa qaba* His father has imposing dignity 2 OK; say "yes" to a request, an

invitation, etc., Speaker A: *bor kottu* Come tomorrow Speaker B: *marabbaa* OK.

**mar'achiisuu** See *mar'achuu*

**mar'achuu** *iv* bleat; bellow/moo *oolaan kee maaliif akkana mar'atti?* Why does your sheep bleat so much? *sa'i jabbiin duraa duunaan akkana mar'atti* The cow is mooing like this because it lost its calf. **mar'a** *n* 1 bleating; mooing; bellowing *reettiin mar'a baayy'ifti* Goats bleat a lot. 2 (fig) loud yelling/shouting **mar'achiisuu** *tv* cause to bleat, bellow, or moo *sa'a koo maaltu akkana mar'achiisa laata?* What makes my cow moo so much?

**marachuu** See *maruu*

**maragaa** See *maraguu*

**maragachuu** See *maraguu*

**maraggii** Same as *maragaa* under *maraguu*

**maragisuu** See *maraguu*

**maraguu** *tv* 1 daub, i.e., coat a wall with mud *mana isaa dhiyoo marage* He daubed mud on the wall of his house recently. 2 seal, usu a jar of honey *damma atuu mi'aawuu maragu* (saying) One seals a jar of honey in spite of its [honey's] sweetness, i.e., in spite of the temptation to eat it all now, one has to save some of it for the future. 3 smear sth on, i.e., make dirty *dhoqqee wayyaa kootti marage* He smeared mud on my clothes. **maragaa** *n* 1 mud plaster on a wall 2 mixture of straw, mud, etc. used as plaster

for sealing, usu a jar of honey  
**maragachuu** *tv* daub, seal or smear for self *xirinyiin muka kanatti maragatteetti* A civet cat has smeared civet on this tree trunk. **maragsiisuu** *tv* cause to daub or seal *mana isee maragsiifteettii?* Has she had the wall of her house daubed?  
**mar'annaa** Same as *mar'a* under *mar'achuu*  
**maraqii** *n* broth or stock, usu of chicken  
**mararaa** See *mararuu*  
**mararee** See *mararuu*  
**mararfachuu** See *mararu*  
**mararoo** *n* good bye song, usu sung by a bride's girl friends at her wedding  
**marartuu** See *mararuu*  
**mararuu** *tv* (applies to animals, persons, things) be very dear to sb; have/feel affection for *haati manaa koo na mararti* My wife is very dear to me (hence, I love her). **mararaa** *adj* (usu of object) precious or costly, i.e., loved because of its high quality or rareness **mararee** *adj* (of persons) amiable, lovable, or affectionate **mararfachuu** *tv* treasure, value, or love dearly *haadha manaa koo nan mararfadha* I love my wife dearly. **marartuu** *adj* (of female) amiable, lovable, or affectionate; dear *intala marartuu qaba* He has a beautiful and lovable daughter.  
**marata** See *maruu*

**mar'ataa** *n* a kind of snake believed to bleat; probably it's a rattle snake  
**marcuma** Same as *barcuma*  
**marcummee** Same as *arcummee*  
**mardaasaa** *n* scarf worn over the hair by women  
**mardee** Same as *maariyyee*  
**marduufa** *n* fringe, i.e., a decorative border or edging of hanging threads  
**maree** Same as *marii* under *maryachuu*  
**marfachuu** See *maruu*  
**marfee** *n* 1 needle used in sewing, darning, stitching, etc., 2 injection *marfee malee ni/in fayyaa?* Will he recover without injection? *marfee waraannatee?* Has he been injected?  
**marga** see *marguu*  
**margaa** See *marguu*  
**marga-suufee** *n* very narrow panta or trousers  
**margii** Same as *margaa* under *marguu*  
**margoo** Same as *margaa* under *marguu*  
**marguu** *iv* 1 (usu used of grass) grow or sprout (up), i.e., put out leaves *margi hin margine; sa'i maal dheeddi?* The grass has not sprouted up, so what will the cattle eat? 2 (of wound) heal *madaan isaa margeera* His wound has healed. See also *magarsuu*<sup>1</sup> 3 (usu of persons) grow; be tall  
**marga** *n* grass **margaa** *adj* tall; see also *dheeraa*  
**marii** See *maryachuu*

**mar'immaan** Same as *mar'umaan*  
**marmaara** Same as *marmaarsa*  
 under *marmaaruu*  
**marmaarsa** See *marmaaruu*  
**marmaarsuu** See *marmaaruu*  
**marmaaruu** *tv* visit/come again  
 and again, go back and forth;  
 frequent a place *gidduu kana*  
*maaliif poolisiin as marmaara?*  
 Why is it that the police come to  
 this vicinity again and again  
 these days? **marmaarsa** *n*  
 coming frequently *gidduu kana*  
*poolisiin ganda keenyaatti*  
*marmaarsa baayy'iseera* These  
 days the police have increased  
 the frequency of their visit to our  
 village **marmaarsuu** *tv* cause sb  
 to go back and forth *dubbii koo*  
*kutuu didanii na marmaarsu* They  
 make me shuttle, i.e., go back  
 and forth, by refusing to decide  
 on my case fast.  
**marmarachuu** See *maruu*  
**marmaramuu** See *maruu*  
**marmi'raan** Same as *mar'umaan*  
**marmituu** *n* a kind of wood, usu  
 pliant **2** climber plant used as  
 rope  
**marmuu** See *maruu*  
**maroo**<sup>1</sup> Same as *marii* under  
*maryachuu*  
**maroo**<sup>2</sup> Same as *kijjoo*  
**marqaa** See *marquu*  
**marqamuu** See *marqamuu*  
**marqaqqoo** *n* a kind of tree  
**marquu** *tv* **1** prepare thick  
 porridge *marqaa marqitee nuu*  
*laatte* She prepared porridge and  
 gave it to us (to eat). **2** mix up or

confuse an issue *dubbii walitti hin*  
*marqin* Don't mix up the issue.  
 See also *waliin laaquu* under  
*laaquu* **marqaa** *n* thick porridge  
**marqamuu** *tv* **1** (applies to  
 porridge) be prepared and ready  
 for eating **2** be pliable or pliant  
*uleen kun ni/in marqame* This stick  
 is pliant, i.e., it does not break  
 easily  
**marra** Same as *marga* under  
*marguu*  
**marraaquu** *tv* talk too much  
**marracaa** *n* plant that grows near  
 streams or rivers, used for  
 cleansing  
**marrajji** *n* **1** a metal (possibly  
 copper) container, connected to  
 a retort used as a receiver of  
 distillate **2** Same as *jabanaa*  
**marree** Same as *qalqala* (**2**) under  
*qalqaluu*  
**marroo** *adv, n* by turns; take turns  
*shaayee marroo akka dhuganu itti*  
*himi* Tell them to take turns and  
 drink tea.  
**marsaa** See *maruu*  
**marsuu** See *maruu*  
**martii** Same as *martuu*  
**martuu** *n* **1** un married girl's hair  
 style **2** pleasant and admirable  
 hair, i.e., not too skinky nor too  
 straight  
**mar'umaan** *n* guts, viscera,  
 intestines, or entrails **mar'umaan**  
**nama bu'uu** *tv* have an attack of  
 colic-like pain in the stomach,  
 pain believed to be caused by  
 the displacement of the  
 intestines *mar'umaantu na bu'ee*

*naa dhidhiibi* I am suffering from colic-like pain in the stomach; please massage my stomach for me.

**mar'ummaan** Same as **mar'umaan**  
**maruu** *tv* 1 wind sth on *morma*

*sangaatti funyoo mare* He wound a rope around the neck of the ox.

2 roll, i.e., make into the shape of a cylinder *baala timboo maree*

*xuuxe* He rolled a tobacco leaf (in a piece of paper) and smoked it.

3 (superstition) swirl, usu money or chicken about one's head with the belief that the money or the chicken put away thus will serve

as a scapegoat *indaaqqoo mataa isaa arra martee gadhiifte* She

swirled a chicken around his head and let it go, symbolically

making it bear his sin, guilt, illness, etc. 4 (takes *kijjoo*) wrap

fresh corn dough in sorghum leaves and boil *kijjoo martee*

*itittuu wajjin nuu kennite* She baked fresh corn cake and gave

it to us along with yoghurt. **arka maratanii taa'uu** *iv* fold one's

arms and sit idle; just sit and do nothing *yoona arka koo maradhee*

*taa'e maalan argadha?* If I fold my arms and sit idle, what do I get?

**maraa** *n* 1 twist of thread, rope, etc. 2 twist or roll of tobacco

**marachuu** *tv* 1 trail or twine *sanyiin dafee kanaa mukatti marata*

This variety of beans trails a tree. 2 coil *bofii mukatti marate* The

snake coiled round the tree. *morma kootti marmitee* She twined

her arms around my neck.

*funyoon morma isaatti marate.* A rope coiled round its neck.

*qeesiin shaashii mataatti marata* A priest winds a turban round his head (and wears it). **marata** *n*

turban; muslin **marfachuu** *tv* 1 (usu used of a tethered animal)

coil the rope with which it has been tied *oolaan funyoo marfatte*

The sheep coiled its rope to a tree (and shortened it). 2

(superstition) swirl money or chicken about one's head for self

and put it aside to serve as a scapegoat *qarshii mataatti marfattee ol keesse* She swirled

money about her head and put it aside to serve as a scapegoat (for

her illness, sin, etc.). **marmarachuu** *iv* 1 coil oneself

*bofii mukatti marmarate* The snake coiled itself round a tree. 2 roll

oneself up *marmaratee ciise* He rolled himself up and slept.

**marmaruu** *tv* roll up *andaqii marmaree achi kaaye* He rolled up

the mat and put it away. **marmuu** *tv* 1 coil *bofii miilla kootti*

*marme* A snake coiled itself round my leg. 2 twine; embrace

*mormatti natti marmitee na dhungatte* She twined her arms

round my neck and kissed me. **marsaa** *n* 1 (superstition)

scapegoat, i.e., money or animal that bears one's illness, sin, etc. 2

Same as *gogeessa* **marsuu** *tv* 1 patrol an area *amman deebi'utti*

*mana naa marsi* Patrol around my



house until I return, i.e., see now and then that all is well. **2** (superstition) swirl money or animal about one's head so that it serves as a scapegoat to one's sin, illness, etc. *indaaqqoo mataa isaatti marsee gadhiise* He swirled a chicken around his head and let it go. **3** swish a whip, usu over a yoke of oxent at work *qaccee arra marsii xaaxessi* Swish a whip over it (the yoke of oxen) and crack it.

**marxa** *n* flat land at the bottom of a slope

**marxa baasuu** *tv* **1** (used of a group of people) help sb, usu in weeding or harvesting **2** Same as *qabaa* **(2)** under *qabuu*

**marxifachuu** *tv* wear cloth around the loin or waist *marxo marxifata* He wears cloth around his waist or loin. **marxoo** *n* cloth loosely worn around, usu the waist; loin cloth

**marxoo** See *marxifachuu*

**maryachuu** *tv* consult with or seek advice *atuun naan hin maryatin maaliifisee fuudhe?* Why did he marry her before consulting (with) me? *dhuufuun wajjin maryatanii dhuufan hin ajaawuu* (saying) Even fart won't smell bad if people decide to fart (and fart) only after consulting with each other. **marii** *n* **1** (secret) agreement arrived at after consultation *anii fi inni marii qabna* He and I have an agreement **2** confidant or

confidante, usu about love affairs *yaa marii too (koo)* my love/confidant(e)

**masaabaa** *n* distillery retort

**masaagoo** *adj* of a herding practice whereby an owner of a domestic animal entrusts, usu a ewe or a she-goat, to a herdsman with the agreement that they share the offspring of the ewe/she-goat in kind or in cash *reettii koo masaagoon kenne* I entrusted my she-goat to a goatherd (with the understanding that we share the offspring of the she-goat)

**masaanqoo** *n* fiddle-like, one-string musical instrument

**masaanuu** *n* **1** the relationships between two or more wives of the same man; fellow wives, so to speak *iseen magaalli sun masaanuu kooti* With the brown one there, I share a husband. **2** rivals in love; arch-enemy *maal ati masaanuu kootii kan akkana na jibbitu?* Are you my arch-enemy that you hate me so much?

**masaaqula** *n* **1** gourd or calabash, usu used as a bottle; bottle gourd **2** Same as *buqqee* **(1)** and *dabaaqula*

**masaguu** *tv* lead a blind person until he/she is orientated

**masakamuu** See *masakuu*

**masakkaruu** *iv* testify against or in favor of; witness to sth/doing sth *natti masakkare* He testified against me. *naa masakkare* He

testified in my favor **misikkirii** *n*  
witness; eye-witness; see also  
**beekuu** (4)

**masakuu** *tv* 1 Same as **alala**  
**guuruu** 2 lead, i.e., hold horses or  
mules by a rope, a bit, etc. to  
prevent them from running  
away **masakamuu** *tv* (passive)  
[usu of horses or mules] be lead  
by a bit

**masalaalii** *n* ladder

**masaraa** *n* 1 castle/palace; temple  
**masaraa** **Abbaa Jifaar** **Abbaa Jifar's**  
castle 2 boy/girl friend, i.e., just  
friendsip 3 Same as **ankaaksee**

**masaraaca** Same as **masaraa** (1)

**masarata** *n* sweet-smelling grass

**masaraxa** Same as **masaraa** (2)

**masaruu** *n* give sb pet name or  
nickname as a sign of  
endearment "**Abdiisaa**" **Abdii**  
**jennae masarra** We call **Abdiisa** by  
the familiar term of endearment  
**Abdii**.

**maseena** See **maseenuu**

**maseensuu** See **maseenuu**

**maseentuu** See **maseenuu**

**maseenuu** *iv* (usu used of animals  
and crops) be/become barren or  
sterile **goromsi isaa ni/in maseente**  
His heifer has become  
barren/sterile. **maseena** *adj*, *n* 1  
barren or sterile **boqqolloo maseena**  
a barren corn stalk (with no corn  
on it) 2 a barren stalk of corn  
(usu) children love for its sweet  
juice **maseena nyaata** He is  
chewing corn stalk, i.e.,  
consuming the sweet juice from  
it. **maseensuu** *tv* cause to be

barren or sterile **hongee baranaatu**  
**boqqolloo maseense** This year's  
drought made the corn crop  
barren. **maseentuu** *adj* barren or  
sterile

**masgiida** *n* mosque

**mashaaqula** Same as **masaaqula**

**mashaksuu** *tv* 1 finish completely  
2 wash completely

**mashashtuu** Same as **asastuu** (1)

**mashataa** *n* drink or alcoholic  
liquor **mana mashataa** a bar

**mashoolga** Same as **bassobilaa**

**masifachuu**<sup>1</sup> *tv* 1 Same as  
**mararfachuu** 2 give sb pet  
name/nickname as a sign of  
endearment 3 love sb very much  
**ilma isaa hedduu masifata** He loves  
his son very much. See also  
**jaal'achuu** (1) **masoo** *n* pet name;  
nickname

**masifachuu**<sup>2</sup> *tv* blame sb unjustly  
for actions he/she is not  
responsible

**masiinqqoo** Same as **masaanqqoo**

**masinoo** *n* irrigation, i.e., an area  
where vegetables or certain  
crops are grown by supplying  
the area with water diverted,  
usu through water-channels; see  
also **jal'isii** under **jal'achuu**

**maskanbaa** *n* a small basket with  
a stand, usu for serving parched  
grain

**maskootii** *n* window; see also  
**foddaa**

**masloolee** *n* small, clay kettle

**masoo** See **masifachuu**

**masoobii** *n* a large basket with long stand, usu used for serving food or used as an ornament

**masqala** *n* 1 a popular Oromo holiday celebrated in August 2 age; year *masqala meeqa nyaatte?* How old are you? [lit how many *masqals* have you lived and eaten *masqal* food?] 3 Day of the Cross, celebrated on September 27, mainly by Orthodox Christians

**masqalii** *n* 1 cross 2 any ornament figure in the form of a cross, usu worn, by Christians, round the neck

**massaa** Same as *sababa*

**mastaawutii** *n* mirror or looking-glass

**mastii** *n* gourd vessel used for pouring dough on a griddle when baking bread

**masugii** *n* a variety of sorghum

**massuuguu** *tv* fill the mouth and eat greedily

**mataa** *n* head *mataa na boowwaafata* I am having a headache. *mataan isaa moluu dha* He is bald. *dullaa dhaan mataa isaa cabsan* They broke his head (skull) with a club. 2 hair *mataa miiccatti* She is washing her hair. *mataa faaqqifata* He is combing his hair. *mataa kee yoom aaddatte?* When did you have your hair shaved? **mataa arra nama bawuu** *tv* (of liquor or alcoholic drink) 1 intoxicate, inebriate, go to one's head *farsoon kun mata arra na baye* This beer went to my head. 2 behave towards sb with

arrogance, conceit, etc. *gurbaan kun mataa arra na baye* This boy is behaving very arrogantly (towards me). **mataa baachuu** *iv* be angry/mad with sb **mataa dha'achuu** *iv* 1 (of females) braid one's hair/have one's hair braided *mataa isee dhayachuu deemte* She went to have her hair braided. 2 have a terrible headache **mataa dhabuu** *iv* lack good brain; be dumb/stupid **mataa dura** *adv* at the head, i.e., at the upper end *mataa siree dura jira* It's at the head of the bed. **mataa gadi qabachuu** *iv* be modest, efface oneself, be/keep/stay in the background, or shun/avoid the limelight *mataa gadi qabatee jiraachuu jaal'ata* He likes to efface himself and live. **mataa godhachuu** *iv* reform, usu one's character or bad behavior *ammaaf mataa godhateera* For now he has reformed himself, i.e., he is now a reformed man. **mataa lafa kaawuu** *iv* be humbled and subdued after experiencing tragedy **mataa miliqfachu** *iv* hide, i.e., be placed so as to be unseen (usu hide from a dangerous pursuer) **mataan bawuu** *tv* head sth/sb off, i.e., get in front of *sa'a sana mataan bayii deebisi* Head off that herd of cattle. **mataan ulfaachuu** *iv* be uncomfortable or be uneasy as a result of stress, strain, or boredom **mataa qabaachuu** *iv* have brain or

head, i.e., talent, intelligence, wisdom; have a good head on one's shoulders *inni mataa hin qabu*; *humtuu hin galuuf* He has no brain; he cannot understand anything. **mataatti baachuu** *tv* 1 carry sth on the head *qoraan mataatti baata* He is carrying the firewood on his head *mataatti baachuu tv* spoil sb by paying great attention to the comfort and wishes of; pamper *haadha manaa isaa mataatti baata* He pampers/spoils his wife. **mata bokkee** *n* a person with a big round head; big-headed **mata dhabeessa** *adj* (of a person) brainless lacking sense/intelligence; stupid; foolish **mata duree** *n* headline in a newspaper) **mata jabeessa/mata jabeettii** (of male/female) *adj* obstinate; stubborn **mata laafessa/ mata laafeettii** (of male/female) *adj* gullible; naïve **mata mataan/mataa dhaan** *adv* individually **mata mataatti** *adv* privately or individually as opposed to collectively owned, done, etc. *lafa isa mata mataatti qotannus qabna* We also have plots of land that we own and farm privately. **mata qabeessa/ mata qabeettii** *adj* (of male/female) wise; intelligent **mata duudee** *n* tuft headed sorgho **mata jabee** *n* oat **mata jaboo** Same as *mata jabee* **matooma** Same as *xiigii*

**mattaree** *n* 1 Same as *aanquu* (1) 2 medicinal plant **Mattuu** *n* capital of Iluu Abbaa Booraa, western Oromiyaa **matumaa** *adv* (expressing strong probability) 1 must be or must have + ... *matumaa du'uu hin oolu* He must have died. *matumaa waa ta'uu hin ooltu* Something must have happened to her. *inni asi dhufaa jiru sun matumaa isa* That man coming towards us must be him. 2 (takes a negative verb form) never *matumaa ani si wajjin hin deemu* I will never go with you. *matumaa naan jette* She said, "never, no way" to me. **maxaanaa** Same as *maxxaanaa* **maxaaquu** Same as *madaquu* **maxaara'uu** *tv* (usu fringe of cloth) 1 beautify 2 beautify oneself and look good or pleasant **maxanuu** Same as *siquu* **maxanxarii** *n* spectacles, a pair of spectacles, or eye-glasses **maxaqoo** Same as *madaqoo* under *madaquu* **maxaqsuu** Same as *madaqsuu* under *madaquu* **maxiiqessuu** *tv* cross breed, i.e., cause an animal to breed with another breed **maxinoo** See *maxinuu* **maxinuu** *tv* bake, usu small bread on the oven *qixxaa nuu maxinte* She baked small bread for us. **maxinoo** *n* local bread, usu relatively small

**maxoo** *n* a small load put a larger load on pack animals

**maxxaanaa** *n* a horse for carrying loads only; not appropriate for riding

**maxxaari'uu** Same as *foowuu*<sup>1</sup> (1)

**maxxaarrii** *adj, n* 1 Same as *foowaa* under *foowuu*<sup>1</sup> 2 (of females) beautiful

**maxxaaruu** Same as *agaaduu*

**maxxaba** *n* cinch or girth for a pack or saddle

**maxxannee** See *maxxanuu*

**maxxansuu** See *maxxanuu*

**maxxanuu** *iv* 1 (of plants with thorns, prickles, etc., that cling to clothes, fur of animals, etc. or of any sticky substance) adhere, cling, or stick to sth *hapheen arkatti na maxxane* Glue stuck on my hand. 2 (of a person) live with as a dependent *natti maxxanee bara baye* He lived with me until he saw better days. 3 (of door, lid, etc.) fit tight *qadaadii saanduuqii kanaa him/im maxxanu* The lid of this box does not fit tight. **maxxannee** *n* sundew or other plants with thorns, prickles, hooks, etc., that stick to clothes, hair, etc. **maxxansuu** *tv* 1 stick, i.e., fasten with glue, paste, etc. *eenyuu waraqata kana balbala kootti maxxanse?* Who stuck this paper on my door? 2 close sth securely/tight *balbala maxxansitee cufte* She closed the door securely. 3 write; print; publish

**mayiruu** Same as *marguu*

**mayisuu** Same as *maqsuu*

**mayra** Same as *marga* under *marguu*

**mee**<sup>1</sup> (vocative) [expression used while holding up one's palm] give me *mee* Give me.

**mee**<sup>2</sup> (vocative) 1 come on; please *mee cal jedhaa* Come on; be quiet. *mee afaan kee bani* Come on; open your mouth. 2 (an expression of warning against saying, doing, etc. sth) look out; watch out *mee dhubadhu!* Just say a word, and you will see the consequence!

**meedhicha** *n* a piece of goat or sheep skin worn as a wrist band when performing certain rituals  
**meegana** *n* a male camel's genitals or penis

**meelaa** See *meelachuu*

**meelachuu** *iv* 1 be crippled, disabled, lame, or be maimed *miilatu isa meelate* He is lame in the leg. 2 have a deep-rooted grudge, ill-feeling, or resentment *garaa kootu itti na meelate* I have a grudge against him. 3 be sprained **meelaa** *adj, n* 1 crippled, disabled, *nama meelaa* a lame person *miilla kootu meelaa ta'e* I have a game/lame leg. 2 grudge or resentment *meela garaa qaba* He bears a deep-rooted grudge (against sb who had wronged him) **meeluu** *n* sprain

**meemee** Same as *mee*<sup>2</sup>

**meenxoo** *n* bodkin, i.e., a thick needle usu used for sewing mats, sacks, etc.

**meeqa** (interrogative) how many  
*sangaa meeqa qaba?* How many  
 oxen does he have? *meeqayyuu ha*  
*ta'anuu; hin sodaadhu* It doesn't  
 matter how many they are; I am  
 not afraid. **meeqaa fi meeqa** *n*,  
*adj* countless; many *sangaa*  
*meeqaa fi meeqa qaba* He has  
 countless number of oxen.

**meerre** (interrogative) where  
*meerre manni kee/manni kee*  
*meerre?* Where is your house?  
*sangaan koo meerre?* Where is my  
 ox?

**meesaa** See *meesuu*

**meeshaa** Same as *mi'a*

**meesii** Same as *meesaa* under  
*meesuu*

**meesisuu** See *meesuu*

**meesoo** *adj, n* 1 red 2 a variety of  
*xaafii*

**meestuu** See *meesuu*

**meesuu** *tv* cultivate, i.e., prepare  
 land for sowing or sow *xaafii*  
 (see) *xaafii meesaniiru* They have  
 prepared land for sowing  
*xaafii/They have sown xaafii.*

**meesaa** simultaneous  
 preparation of land and the  
 sowing of *xaafii meesaa n* the act  
 of cultivating land and sowing  
*xaafii meesisuu tv* cause to  
 cultivate and prepare land for  
 sowing *xaafii meestuu n* persons  
 who cultivate and prepare land  
 for sowing *xaafii*

**meeta** Same as *meetii*

**meetii** *n* 1 silver; silver coin 2  
 precious metal; precious stone

**meexaruu** *tv* 1 lie on the job 2 eat  
 very slowly

**meexicha** Same as *meedhicha*

**meexii** Same as *mixii*

**meexxicha** Same as *meedhicha*

**meexxii** palm plant or its leaves,  
*usu* used for making mats

**meeyra** Same as *marga* under  
*marguu*

**meeyxii** Same as *meexxii*

**me'ira** Same as *marga* under  
*marguu*

**mellee** *adj* (of female humans)  
 sexy and bouncing *intala mellee* a  
 sexy and bouncing girl **melloo**  
*adj* (of human females)  
 flirtatious *intala bareedduu melloo*  
 a beautiful, flirtatious girl

**melloo** See *mellee*

**melxee** *adj* weak *gurbaa melxee* a  
 weak boy

**mencaa** Same as *gajara*

**mendoo** *n* trap, *usu* used for  
 catching leopards

**menxererii** *n* Small intestine

**merree** Same as *mellee*

**mer'ee** *n* noisy goat

**mergeggaawuu** *tv* (applies to  
 wrestling) clinch, i.e., hold an  
 opponent round the body *walitti*  
*mergeggaayan* They clinched  
 (while wrestling)

**meroo** *n* a kind of tree

**merqaa** *n* germ; bacteria

**mettegee** *n* a kind of animal that  
 kills sheep/goats for food

**mi'a** *n* 1 goods or commodity *mi'a*  
*gurguraa/gurgurtaa* commodity  
 for sale 2 things, e.g. utensil,  
 furniture, belonging, or property

3 implement *mi'a qonnaa* farm implements 4 harness, i.e., collective name for bit, bridle, girth, reins, saddle, stirrup, etc., *mi'a fardaa/gaangee* harness for a horse/mule 5 weapon *mi'a waraanaa* weapons 6 baggage/luggage; personal effects *mi'a koo* my personal effects 7 stock, i.e., goods kept by a shopkeeper

**mi'aa** See *mi'aawuu*

**mi'aawuu** *iv* 1 be sweet *dammi/shukkaarri ni/in mi'aa* Honey/Sugar is sweet. 2 be tasty; have desirable taste or flavor; be delicious *n yaati kun him/im mi'aawu* This food does not taste nice. 3 (used of price) be expensive or dear *ashaboon mi'aayeera* Salt has become expensive. **mi'aa** *adj* expensive *kun mi'aa dha; ani him/im bitu* This is expensive; I won't buy it. **mi'aawina** *n* expensiveness **mi'eeffachuu** *tv* 1 (used of food or drink) smack one's lips *afaan mi'eeffata* He is smacking his lips. 2 be accustomed to sth, usu after having a pleasant experience *yaroo nyaataa dhufa; ni/in mi'eeffata* He comes at dinner time, i.e., he is accustomed to getting dinner whenever he comes at this particular time. **mi'eeffataa** *n* an unwanted man who keeps coming back after having a pleasant experience; hanger-on, so to speak **mi'eessuu** *tv* 1 flavor *ashaboon*

*kun waxii him/im mi'eessine* This salt has not made the stew have the desired flavor. 2 make or cause to be expensive; overprice *gatii oolaa isaa hedduu mi'eesse* He asked too much for his sheep **ofi mi'eessuu** *iv* have high opinion of self; have too much belief in self importance *ofi mi'eessitee itti eerumuu didde* She refused to marry him because she thought he was too beneath her.

**micciiramtuu** See *micciiruu*

**micciiramuu** See *micciiruu*

**micciirraa** See *micciiruu*

**micciiruu** *tv* 1 wring or twist, i.e., turn by the use of force *arka koo na micciire* He twisted my arm. 2 (fig) twist sb's words out of their true context/meaning *dubbii koo maaliif micciira?* Why does he twist my words out of their true meanings? 3 knead flour made from roasted /parched barely after adding butter and spices to it; see also *basseessuu* **micciiramtuu** *adj* (of persons) crooked and stubborn **micciiramuu** *tv* be twisted or wrung **micciirraa** *adj, n* 1 twisting or wringing *uffatatti yoo micciirraan baayy'ate him/im baqaqa* If wrung too much, clothes will be torn 2 flask-like drinking vessel made of glass 3 convoluted 4 Same as *bassoo* under *basseessuu* **micciirraa** *adj* convoluted *korbeessa gaanfi micciirraa* a ram with convoluted horns **micciirrachuu** *tv* (used of

the horns of he-goat, ram, deer, etc.) be convoluted *korbeessi koo kolbaa micciirrateera* My ram's horns are convoluted.

**michaawuu** *iv* be/become ill  
*namichi michaayee mana qorichaa deeme* The man became ill and went to hospital. **micheessuu** *to* cause to be ill *maaltu isa micheesse laata?* What made him ill? **michii** *n* illness probably caused by draft, i.e., current of air

**micheessuu** See *michaawuu*

**michii** See *michaawuu*

**michila** Same as *chikaala*

**michillee** *n* name of one of the five parties in *gadaa* democratic system of government

**michii** See *michaawuu*

**michoomsachuu** *to* make sb one's lover

**michoomsuu** *to* cause sb to one's lover

**michoomuu** *iv* be one's lover

**michuu** *n* 1 fiancée; fiancée 2 paramour or sweet-heart, usu involves infidelity

**miciicuu** Same as *cichuu* (1)

**miciraan** *n* green pumpkin seed

**miciree** *n* 1 gland 2 usu corn/maize germ

**micirigsuu** Same as *buruqsuu*

**middoo** Same as *iddoo*

**mi'eeffachuu** See *mi'aawuu*

**mi'eeffataa** See *mi'aawuu*

**mi'eessaa** *n* spices

**mi'eessuu** See *mi'aawuu*

**mi'ii** Same as *hayetuu*

**mi'oo<sup>1</sup>** Same as *mimmi'oo<sup>1</sup>*

**mi'oo<sup>2</sup>** *n* semen/sperm

**mi'ooftuu** *n* thick beer or ale from which arack is distilled

**midda** Same as *mirga*

**middiisa** Same as *bukkee<sup>2</sup>*

**midhaan** *n* 1 crop *barana midhaan koo naa toleera* My crop is thriving (doing well) this year. 2 food *midhaan hin qophoofne; maal nyaatta?* Food is not ready; what are you going to eat? 3 grain, i.e., collective name for cereals, beans, chick-peas, etc. *makiinaa kana arratti kan fe'ame buna moo midhaan?* What is it that is loaded on this lorry? Is it coffee or grain? **midhaan dhawuu** *to* flail or thresh, i.e., separate the grain or seeds from the chaff **midhaan durbaa** *n* tomato-like tiny vegetable or fruit **midhaan mukaa** *n* edible fruit usu of some wild trees **midhaan soorata loonii** *n* cattle feed

**midoo** Same as *faaqqee* (1) under *faaqqisuu*

**miduu** *to* 1 judge, test, or gauge, i.e., evaluate or estimate sb's strength before hand *ani jara mideera; arraba malee humna hin qabanu* I have gauged their strength; except their sharp tongue, they have no strength. *eega midee booddee isa arrabsuu jalqabe* He started calling him manes after he had gauged his strength. 2 indicates manner or way of splitting wood or logs) turn the ax to the left and then to the right after striking the wood *muka isa cimaa sana midee falaxe*



He split that hard wood by turning the inserted ax first to one side and then to the other 3 (used of wood) bend *muka kana midi* Bend this wood;

**miggaara** Same as *dagalee* under *dagaluu*

**migira** *n* tall grass, the stalk of which is used for making hats, baskets, etc.

**miha** Same as *mi'a*

**miiccaa** See *miiccuu*

**miiccachuu** See *miiccuu*

**miiccamaa** See *miiccuu*

**miiccisiisuu** See *miiccuu*

**miiccuu** *tv* (usu clothes, coffee beans, grain, hair) wash *wayyaan an kaleessa miicce ammayyuu hin gogne* The clothes I washed yesterday are not dry yet.

**miiccaa** *n* (usu clothes) washing *miiccaa deeme* He went to wash clothes. **miiccachuu** *tv* wash for self *kittaa isaa ofumaa miiccate* He washed his shirt himself.

**miiccamaa** *adj* washed *uffata miiccamaa* washed/laundered clothes **miiccisiisuu** *tv* cause to wash

**miiccuu** Same as *miiccuu*

**miidhaa** See *miidhuu*

**miidhagaa** See *miidhaguu*

**miidhagduu** See *miidhaguu*

**miidhagfachuu** See *miidhaguu*

**miidhagina** See *miidhaguu*

**miidhagsiisuu** See *miidhaguu*

**miidhagsuu** See *miidhaguu*

**miidhaguu** *iv* be/become beautiful or handsome; look nice *ilmi isaanii ni/in miidhaga* Their

son is handsome. *Intalli isaa ni/in miidhagdi* His daughter is beautiful *qamisiin inni haaraan isee arraa him/im miidhagu* The new dress does not look nice on her. *baarneexaan ittii him/im miidhagu* A hat does not look nice on him. **miidhagaa** *adj* (of things or male humans or animals) beautiful or handsome *gurbaa/baarneexaa miidhagaa qaba* He has a handsome son/beautiful hat. **miidhagduu** *adj* (usu of tiny things or female humans/animals) beautiful *gomboof/intala/jabbii miidhagduu a* beautiful jar/girl/calf **miidhagfachuu** *tv* beautify, decorate, or embellish for self **miidhagina** *n* beauty *miidhaginaan kan isee caaluu hin jiru* No one excels her in beauty. **miidhagsiisuu** *tv* cause to beautify or embellish **miidhagsuu** *tv* beautify or decorate; embellish *ofi miidhagsitee dhufte* She beautified her self and came.

**miidhama** See *miidhuu*

**miidhamaa** See *miidhuu*

**miidhamuu** See *miidhuu*

**miidhuu** *tv* 1 injure, hurt, or affect *dhukkubii/rakkoon nama miidha* A disease/Poverty affects or harms people. *tapha keessa na miidhe* He hurt me covertly while at the same time keeping up appearances of a person joking. 2 sprain *arka koo na miite* She sprained my arm. **miidhaa** *n*

injury **miidhama** *n* sprain  
*miidhama malee caba miti* It is a  
 sprain; it is not a fracture.  
*miidhagaa fi miidhama wal biraa*  
*hin dhaban* (saying) Good looks  
 and shortcomings are  
 companions [no one is perfect].  
**miidhama afaanii** *n* a terrible  
 insult **miidhama deebisuu** *tv* 1  
 set a bone *isatu miidhama arka*  
*kootii naa deebise* He was the one  
 who set the bone of my sprained  
 arm. 2 compensate, recompense  
 or reward *mucaa dhabeen ture,*  
*amma ilma naa kennee miidhama*  
*naa deebise* I was childless, but  
 now God has recompensed me  
 with a son **miidhamaa** *adj*  
 injured **miidhamuu** *tv* (passive)  
 be injured, hurt, or sprained *lola*  
*kaleessaa keessatti nama baay'eetu*  
*miidhame* Many people were  
 injured in yesterday's fight.  
**miisisuu** *tv* cause to hurt sb  
*iseetu isa na miisise* She made him  
 hurt me.

**miiduu** Same as *miduu* (2 & 3)

**miigara** Same as *dagalee* under  
*dagaluu*

**miigaruu** Same as *dagaluu*

**mijana** *n* scale or balance for  
 weighing

**miila**<sup>1</sup> Same as *miilla*

**miila**<sup>2</sup> Same as *miiltoo*

**miila gabaabbachuu** Same as  
*miilla gabaabbachuu* under *miilla*

**miilana** Same as *miillana*

**miil jalee** Same as *miilla jala*  
 under *miilla*

**miilla** *n* 1 leg or foot *miilli isaa*  
*dheeraa dha* His feet are long.  
*kopheen kun miilla isaatiif hin ta'u*  
 These shoes do not fit him. 2 leg,  
 i.e., support of a chair, table, bed,  
 etc. *miilla barcumaa* legs of a stool  
 or chair 3 a quarter, one of the  
 four legs of live cattle in terms of  
 money or value *sangaa kana*  
*keessaa miilla tokko, lama, sadii*  
*qabdi* She owns a quarter, a half,  
 two-thirds of this ox. **miillaan**  
*adv* on foot, i.e., walking, not  
 riding *Buree jalqabanii amma*  
*Finfinneetti miillaan deeman* They  
 walked from Bure, Illuu Abbaa  
 Booraa, to Finfinnee. **miillaan**  
**deemuu** *iv* be/go/barefoot;  
 walk without shoes *kophee hin*  
*qabu; miillaan deema* He has no  
 shoes; he walks barefoot.  
**miillaan dhufuu** *iv* go/come on  
 foot, i.e., walk, not ride *miillaan*  
*moo fardaan dhufte?* Did you  
 come on foot or on horseback?  
**miilla dirirfachuu** *iv* stretch  
 one's legs *ala bayii miilla kee*  
*diriirfadhuu deebi'i* Go out, stretch  
 your legs, and come back. **miilla**  
**fageeffachuu** *iv* go a great  
 distance off; go very far off *miilla*  
*fageeffatteetti* She has gone a great  
 distance off (so we can't catch up  
 with her). **miilla gabaabbachuu**  
*iv* arrive at a place, usu at a feast,  
 a little late *nyaati dhumeera; miilla*  
*gabaabbatte* We have just finished  
 our meal; you have arrived a  
 little too late. **miilla gogeettii** *adj*  
 ill-fated, unfortunate, or unlucky

**miilla jala** *adv* at the foot of, i.e., the lower end of sth such as a bed where the feet are put *siree miilla jala* at the foot of the bed;

cf., *mataa dura* under *mataa*

**miillatti kufanii nama**

**kadhachuu** *iv* be on/go down on one's knees and beg *miillatti kuftee akka ani isee hin ajjeefne na kadhatte* She went down on her knees and begged me to spare

her life. **miilli nama fiduu** *iv* come by chance or by accident *miillatu isa fide malee namni isa hin waamne* He came by chance;

nobody invited him. **miilli nama geessuu** *iv* go by chance or accident *miillatu na geese malee namni nan (na hin) waamne* I went by chance; nobody invited me.

**miilloo** *n* utensils such as baskets, bowls, etc. with stand or legs *gabatee miilloo* a wooden, flat dish with a stand *gabatee miilloo* a small, flat table with a stand

**miillana** *adv* this time; now *miillana qormaata hin kufu* This time I won't fail or flunk the exams.

**miillasi** *adv* at that time; then *miillasi dhufe* He came at that time.

**miilloo** See *miilla*

**miiltee** Same as *miiltoo*

**miiltoo** *n* company or companion on a journey/voyage *amma Bureetti miiltoo naa ta'i* Go with me as far as Bure for company *miiltoon arrabaan wal baatti* (saying) Companions on a

journey carry each other with their tongues, i.e., they ease the burden of walking through chatting.

**miiltuu** Same as *lafoo* (1) under *lafa*

**miiluu** *iv* keep pace with sb, i.e., walk at the same rate *iseen deemsaaan na hin miiltu* She cannot keep pace with me when it comes to walking.

**miini** Same as *mi'a<sup>2</sup>* but this one is *usu* used as a subject in a sentence

**miira** *n* feeling or emotion

**miisisuu** See *miidhuu*

**miixachuu** *iv* 1 stretch oneself, i.e., extend the limb and thus tighten the muscles *yaroo irriba arraa ka'uu gaafhundumaa ni/in miixata* Every time he wakes up, he stretches himself. 2 labor, i.e., undergo the pangs of childbirth *miixadhee si dayeen na tuffattaa!* I labored and gave birth to you, and you look down on me!

**miixuu** *n* labor or parturition *niitii isaa miixuun qabeera* His wife is in labor.

**miixuu** See *miixachuu*

**mijaawuu** *iv* be convenient; go well *yoo naa mijaayee borin dhufa* If everything goes well, I'll come tomorrow.

**mijilloo** Same as *buujalee* under *buujalaawuu*

**mijjirii** *adv* a place where the *masqal* (1) (see) bonfire is burned

**mijuu** *adj*, *tv* 1 fill (with); top (sth)up *uurootti bishaan miji* Fill

the jar with water. **2** (of a container) full *uuroon mijuu dha*  
The jar is full.

**mijuu raafuu** *n* tender shoot of cabbage

**mikkiirtuu** Same as *weeddiftuu*

**mikkiiruu** Same as *weeddissuu*

**milaaccii** *n* safety razor **2** trigger of a firearm

**milaammilchuu** *iv* **1** beat about the bush or shuffle *ijoo dubbiiitti dhufuu didee milaammilcha* He shuffles instead of coming to the point. **2** dodge, duck, or side step to avoid a blow *ni/in milaammilche malee ijaa isaa dhayeen oole* I almost hit him on the eye, but he dodged.

**milaanmilchuu** Same as *milaammilchuu*

**mil'acha** Same as *mil'uu* under *mil'achuu*

**mil'achuu** *iv* glance or look, usu turn one's head to the left or to the right in order to glimpse at *bitaa fi mirga mil'atee karaa ceyee* He looked to the left and to the right and then crossed the street. **mil'ataa** *adj* of a male human who looks at a glance **mil'attuu** *adj* of a female human who looks at a glance **mil'uu** *n* glance *mi'luu dhaan na arge* He saw me at a glance.

**mil'ata** Same as *mil'uu* under *mil'achuu*

**mil'attuu** See *mil'achuu*

**milikkitii** Same as *mal'atoo* under *mal'ateeffachuu*

**miliqsuu** See *miliquu*

**miliquu** *iv* vanish or disappear suddenly *ammuma ija koo jalaa miliqe* He has just vanished from my sight. **miliqsuu** *tv* spirit sth/sb away/off, i.e., take sb/sth rapidly and mysteriously *qottoon koo amma as ture; yoomitti na duraa miliqsan?* My axe has been here just now; how could they spirit it off/away so fast?

**milisa** *n* bestman

**milkaawuu** *iv* be fortunate or lucky *milkoftetti* She has been lucky. **milkeessuu** *tv* make fortunate or lucky **mil'kii** *n* luck or omen of bad/good fortune *ani isee arraa mil'kii hin qabu* I do not have good luck with her. **mil'kii hammaachuu** *tv* have tough or bad luck **mil'kii toluu** *iv* have good luck or fortune

**milkeessuu** See *milkaawuu*

**mil'kii** See *milkaawuu*

**mil'koo** Same as *milkaawuu*

**mil'uu** See *mil'achuu*

**mimmi'oo**<sup>1</sup> *n* a skin infection affecting the foot, usu between toes, and causing sensational itching; probably athlete's foot or dermatophytosis

**mimmi'oo**<sup>2</sup> *n* semen/sperm; see also *mi'oo*<sup>2</sup>

**mimmixa** *n* chilli; see also *barbaree*

**mimmixee** Same as *miriixee*

**mimmixoo** Same as *daabbusee*

**minaa** Same as *guchuma*

**minaagduu** See *minaaguu*

**minaaguu** *iv* talk nonsense, and usu nonstop **minaagduu** *adj* (of a person) garrulous; talkative

**minaan** Same as *midhaan*  
**mindaa** See *mindaawuu*  
**mindaawuu** *iv* be salaried **mindaa**  
*n* salary; wage **mindeessuu** *tv*  
 cause to be salaried  
**mindhaan** Same as *midhaan*  
**mineensa** Same as *bineensa*  
**minii** *adj* a small quantity *ashaboo*  
*minii naa keenni* Give me a small  
 quantity of salt  
**minishiirii** *n* kind of rifle  
**minjee** *n* bestman  
**minjirii** *n* bonfire used on *masqal*  
 (1) day  
**minmin jechuu** *tv* taste like sth  
 with little salt in it *imimmaan*  
*minmin jedha* Tears taste like sth  
 with little salt in it. *ittoon kun*  
*ashaboon isaa minmin jedha* I can  
 hardly taste salt in this stew.  
**minnii** *n* tapeworm in its early  
 stage  
**miqaawuu** Same as *foowuu*<sup>1</sup> (2)  
**miqiqitii** Same as *loloosoo*  
**miqiqiriii** *n* backbone, spinal  
 column, spinal cord, or spine  
**mirga** *adj, n* 1 right, i.e., side of the  
 body which is toward the east  
 when a person faces north *arka*  
*mirgaa* right hand 2 right/proper  
 claim to the right side of a  
 prey/kill, i.e., in traditional  
 group hunting the whole right  
 side of an animal killed by the  
 group is given to the first man  
 who has wounded it first while  
 the left side is divided among  
 the rest of the fellow hunters;  
 right, i.e., a lawful claim *mirgi*  
*kan isa dura waraaneeti*. The right

side of the kill belongs to the  
 man who wounded it first.  
*qeeransi kun mirga kooti* The  
 leopard is my kill; therefore, I  
 have the right to half of it  
 because I wounded it first. 3  
 right, i.e., something a person is  
 morally or legally entitled to do  
 or have *waldaa/*  
*polotikaa partii tokko deeggarruu ykn*  
*deeggarruu dhiisuuf mirga qaba* I  
 have the right to support or not  
 to support any organization or  
 political party.

**mirgisiisuu** See *mirgisuu*  
**mirgisuu** *iv* 1 yield milk  
 abundantly; milk well *saani koo*  
*aannan hedduu mirgisti* My cow  
 milks well. 2 be windy and rainy  
*har'a mirgisaa oole* It was pouring  
 all day today. **mirgisiisuu** *tv*  
 cause to yield milk **mirgituu** *n* a  
 cow that yields plenty of milk

**mirgituu** See *mirguu*  
**mirgoo**<sup>1</sup> *adj* handy, i.e., not far  
 away, available for use *eeboo*  
*kana mirgoo kaayi* Keep this spear  
 handy. 2 convenient *bofa sana*  
*achitti rukutuuf mirgoo miti* It is  
 not convenient to hit that snake  
 where it is now.

**mirgoo**<sup>2</sup> Same as *dibicha*  
**mirgoo**<sup>3</sup> *n* plateau or tableland  
**mirguu** *iv* 1 Same as *mirgisuu* (1) 2  
 become abundant *midhaan tokko*  
*tokko awuu daakamuu ni/in mirga*  
 Much flour is obtained from  
 some grains.

**miriirii** *adj* very small; tiny  
**miriixaa** See *miriixamuu*

**miriixachiisuu** See *miriixamuu*  
**miriixachuu** See *miriixamuu*  
**miriixamuu** *iv* (of female) be lustful, i.e., have an excessive desire to have sexual intercourse *ni/in miriixamti* She is lustful. **miriixaa** *n* lust *miriixaa isee ollaatu beeka* Her lust is known to her neighbors.  
**miriixachiisuu** *tv* cause to be lustful **miriixachuu** *iv* be restless or be restive (due to sexual desire) **miriixee** *adj* (of females) 1 erotic, lustful, or too sexy; probably nympho maniac 2 restless; lively, bouncing, or bustling *intala miriixee a bouncing girl miriixummaa n* lustfulness  
**miriixee** See *miriixamuu*  
**miriixummaa** See *miriixamuu*  
**mirindiidaa** Same as *firinxiixaa* under *firinxiixuu*  
**mirindiiduu** Same as *firinxiixuu*  
**mirkana** See *mirkanaawuu*  
**mirkanaawuu** *iv* be proved; be true; be verified **mirkana** *n* truth; see also *dhugaa* (1) under *dhugoomuu* **mirkaneessuu** *tv* prove/verify by supplying evidence *dubbichi dhugaa ta'uu fi dhiisuu isaa*  
*mirkaneessineerra* We have verified the statement.  
**mirkansuu** Same as *mirkaneessuu* under *mirkanaawuu*  
**mirmachuu** Same as *birmachuu*  
**mirmaduu** Same as *birmaduu*<sup>1</sup>  
**mirmirfachuu** *iv* (usu applies to a female) show off the body to

attract the attention of the opposite sex  
**mirmirsuu** See *mirmiruu*  
**mirmiruu** *iv* shake; stir  
**mirmirsuu** *tv* (usu used of long, flexible stick or spear) brandish or wave menacingly *eeboo isaa mirmirsee darbate* He brandished his spear and threw it. **quba namatti mirmirsuu** Same as *quba namatti raasuu* under *quba*  
**mirqaanuu** *iv* be high under the influence of, usu the hallucinatory leaf called *caatii* (see)  
**mirra** Same as *mirga*  
**mirree** *adj, n* 1 Same as *dirree* (1) 2 (traditionally, buffalo hunting register or vocabulary) twin or two *mirree ajjeese* He killed two buffalos  
**miruu** *tv* 1 direct sb, i.e., give instructions to sb for finding a place or someone; send *poolisii eenyutu natti mire?* Who directed or sent a policeman to me? *isatu mana keetti na mire* He was the one who directed me to your house. 2 guide *namicha jaamaa tokko karaa mirti* She is guiding a blindman.  
**misha** Same as *mish'aa*  
**mish'aa** *adv* well; pleasantly *misha'aa dubbatte* You spoke well; see also *dansa*  
**mishingaa** Same as *missingaa*  
**mishira** Same as *misira*  
**misikkirii** Same as *ragaa*  
**misilii** *n* 1 picture 2 carbon copy or replica, i.e., likeness or

resemblance *misilii dhuma abbaa isaati* He is a replica of his father.  
**misiloo** adj usu of a sheep with small ears  
**misingaa** *n* sorghum crop or grain  
**misira** *n* lentil crop or seed  
**misiraachii** Same as *misiraachoo*  
**misiraachoo** *n* good news or glad tidings *eenyu inni misiraachoo sittii hime?* Who brought you the good news/the glad tidings?  
**misiroo** *n* bride (so referred to for about one year after wedding)  
**misirroo** Same as *misiroo*  
**mislanee** *n* representative  
**mismaara** *n* nail, i.e., pointed piece of metal hammered into wood or other materials as a fastener  
**misooma** See *misoomuu*  
**misoomsuu** See *misoomuu*  
**misoomuu** *iv* (used of soil, clod, etc.) be fertile; be harrowed, broken, and tilled to a good tilth *lafti koo misoomeera* My land has become fertile because it has been cultivated. **misooma** *n* well cultivated land which is ready for growing crops; fertile  
**misoomsuu** *tv* develop land by adding fertilizers and by proper cultivation **misuu** *iv, tv* 1 prepare land by tilling, harrowing, breaking the cod, etc. *lafa isaa misee qopheesseera* He has cultivated his land properly (and it is now ready for growing crop on it). 2 be well developed and produce the desired fruit, crop, etc.

**missira** Same as *misira*  
**mistuu** *adj* (of a female) excellent homemaking, i.e., of a woman who keeps her home clean, who is excellent at cooking, etc.  
**misuu** See *misoomuu*  
**miti** *adv* not; no *Gammachuu miti* It's not Gammachuu *ana miti* It's not me. Speaker A: *isee dha mitii?* Isn't she the one? Speaker B: *miti* No, it's not her.  
**mittiquu** *iv* move; stir *amma an deebi'utti asii hin mittiqin* Do not move from here until I return. See also *socho'uu*  
**mittiriquu** *iv* sprain *miilli koo na mittirriqe* I sprained my foot.  
**mittirriqa** *n* sprain; See also *meellachu* (3)  
**mittirriqa** See *mittirriquu*  
**mittamuu** Same as *micciramuu* under *micciruu*  
**mittuu** Same as *micciruu*  
**mituu** Same as *miduu*  
**mixaaxa** Same as *eelee*  
**mixaaxisa** Same as *mixaaxisii*  
**mixaaxisii** *n* sweet potato; see also *dammee* (2) under *dammaawuu*  
**mixii** *n* tiny red or black ant  
**mixina** Same as *gombisaa* (1)  
**mixinee** Same as *dammee* (2) under *dammaawuu*  
**mixiree** Same as *miciree*  
**mixixaachuu** *iv* descend, usu a tree/pole by sliding while gripping it with arms and legs *ni/in mixixaatee gadi bu'e* He descended the tree by sliding while gripping it with his arms and legs.

**mixmapix** Same as *mimmixa*  
**mixoo** *n* a kind of tree  
**miya** Same as *mi'a*  
**miziimaa** *adj* (loan word) entire or whole *ganna tokko miziimaa* the entire year  
**mo** Same as *bo*  
**moccooruu** Same as *muccuuruu*  
**moccoruu** Same as *anqooquu* (1)  
**mococa** Same as *ciimmaa*  
**mococa'uu** Same as *ciimma'uu*  
**mofoo** *adj*, *n* 1 (of persons) huge and awkward *gurbaa mofoo* a huge and awkward boy 2 elephantiasis or elephant leg *miilli isaa mofoo dha* He has elephant leg.  
**moggaa** *adj*, *n* 1 end; farthest end or last, i.e., either end of a row of houses, farms, a line of people, etc., *jara lamaan gidduu moo moggaa teesse?* Did she/you sit between the two of them or at the farthest end? 2 edge *siree moggaa ciise* He lay on the edge of the bed. 3 frontier *biyya moggaa* a frontier 4 beside *intalo, kottuu na moggaa taa'i* Lady, come and sit beside me.  
**moggaafachuu** See *moggaasuu*  
**moggaafamuu** See *moggaasuu*  
**moggaasa** See *moggaasuu*  
**moggaasachuu** Same as *moggaafachuu* under *moggaasuu*  
**moggaasamuu** Same as *moggaafamuu* under *moggaasuu*  
**moggaasisuu** See *moggaasuu*  
**moggaasuu** *tv* name, i.e., give a name to *ilma isaa Boonaa jedhee moggaase* He named his son

Boonaa. **moggaafachuu** *tv* 1 name, usu a child for self *ilma koo anumatu moggaafate* I named my son my self. 2 adopt, i.e., take war captives into Oromo society and make them legally Oromo sons and daughters  
**moggaafamuu** *tv* be given a name **moggaasa** *n* naming  
**moggaasisuu** *tv* cause to give a name

**moggee** *adj*, *n* 1 little finger or little toe *quba moggee* little finger 2 molar *namni ilkaan moggee meeqa qaba?* How many molars does a person have?

**moggoo** *n* namesake *inni moggoo obboleessa kootiiti* He is a namesake of my brother.

**mogolchuu** Same as *mogoluu*

**mogolee** *n* 1 part of, usu a human leg corresponding to shin, i.e., calf + the sunken place corresponding to the patella or kneecap 2 strength *mogoleen dhabe* I have no strength.

**mogoleen raafamuu** *iv* be scared; be unusually afraid *ilmi koo dhukkubsannaan mogoleen na raafame* My son's illness scared me a lot.

**mogoluu** *tv* 1 Same as *muruu* (1) 2 hit the *mogolee* (leg part) and cause pain

**mogoroo** *n* home-made cotton clothes

**mojoji** (expression) angry retort to the one who says *mooji* (see)

**mokotaawuu** *iv* turn into embers; see also *giimessuu*



**mokuu** Same as *mukuu*  
**mola'ee** *n* a kind of very hard tree  
**molaalee** Same as *saqalaa*  
**molaawuu** *iv* (used of male humans) become bald *molaayeera*  
 He has become bald *moloofteetta*  
 You have become bald.  
**moleessuu** *tv* cause to be bald  
*ba'aa ashabootu isa moleesse ta'a*  
 Carrying a load of salt on the head must have made him bald.  
**moluu** *adj, n* 1 baldhead or baldpate; baldness *molu keen cabsa* I will break your baldhead.  
 2 bald *inni moluu dha* He is bald.  
**molachuu** Same as *molaawuu*  
**moleessuu** See *molaawuu*  
**molgaa** Same as *mogolee*  
**molgoo**<sup>1</sup> *adj* of hornless cattle or cattle with horns that curve or hang down; crooked  
**molgoo**<sup>2</sup> *n* a variety of food  
**moloo** *adj* (of a person) lonely  
*namicha moloo* a lonely man  
**moluu** See *molaawuu*  
**mommoqaa** See *mommoquu*  
**mommoquu** *iv* be over ripe and become jelly-like *muusiin kun hedduu bilchaatee mommoqe* The banana became so over ripe that it became like jelly. **mommoqaa** *adj* very soft; jelly *muusii mommoqaa kana gati* Throw away this over ripe banana.  
**momoo** Same as *budaa*  
**moo** *conj* 1 an expression of surprise, disgust, etc. Speaker A: *wal'aansoo dhaan sin moowa* I can beat you at wrestling. Speaker B: *ana moo!* (I am surprised by the

very idea)! 2 or *isa moo iseeetu dhufe?* Who came: he or she?  
*durba moo dhiira deesse?* What did she give birth to: a girl or a boy?  
**moo'achiisuu** Same as *moowachiisuu* under *moowuu*  
**moo'achuu** Same as *moowachuu* under *moowuu*  
**moo'amuu** Same as *moowamuu* under *moowuu*  
**moo'atamuu** Same as *moowatamuu* under *moowuu*  
**mooca** Same as *amooca*  
**moofaa** See *moofa'uu*  
**moofa'uu** *iv* (applies to things, only e.g., clothes, shoes furniture, utensil) wear out, i.e., become old/threadbare or wear away *kofoon koo moofa'eera* My pants are worn out. **moofaa** *adj* (of things) old, ragged, worn-out, threadbare, or shabby  
*wayyaa moofaa worn-out*, old clothes **moofessuu** *tv* make old; wear sth out *gaafhunda uffatee kittaa isaa moofesse* He wore out his shirt by wearing it every day.  
**mooftuu** *adj* (of sth diminutive or small quantity) old, worn-out, and almost worthless  
**moofechuu** Same as *moofessuu* under *moofa'uu*  
**moofessuu** See *moofa'uu*  
**mooftuu** Same as *mooftuu* under *moofa'uu*  
**mooftuu** See *moofa'uu*  
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**mooga**<sup>1</sup> See *moogguu*  
**mooga**<sup>2</sup> *adj* (of a person) awkward, clumsy; all thumbs;

have ten thumbs *inni oduu malee qonnaatti mooga* He is clumsy at farming, but he is in his element when it comes to talking.

**moogachuu** *iv* (used of stomach or emotion) be upset *waan hin barree nyaadheen garaan koo na moogate* My stomach was upset because I ate something I had not been used to (eating).

**moogguu** *iv* (used of many people) assemble in large numbers *namni walitti mooggeera; ka'aa ni/in deemnaa* Many people have assembled; let us go (to the assembly). **mooga** *adj* many

*nama mooga* many people

**moo'ina** See *moo'uuu*

**mooji** (an expression) *usu* an impolite way of saying, "I don't know". Speaker A: *eessa keesse?* Where did you put it? Speaker B: *mooji* I don't know (damn it)! cf., *mojoji*

**moojiree** Same as *mooji*

**mookfamuu** See *mooksuu*

**mooksa** See *mooksuu*

**mooksisuu** See *mooksuu*

**mooksuu** *tv* 1 flatter, i.e., use language insincerely in order to please *nan (na hin) mooksin* Don't flatter me. 2 cheat, deceive, fool, or lie to *sabni tokko eega of baree booda eenyuyyuu isa mooksuu hin danda'u* Once a society becomes conscious, no one can fool it.

**mookfamuu** *tv* (passive) be flattered or be fooled *ni/in mookfamte* She/You was/were fooled. **mooksa** *n* flattery;

deception; cheating **mooksisuu** *tv* cause to flatter or fool

**moolaa** *adj* (of cattle) hornless

**moomuu** Same as *inaafuu*

**moonaa** Same as *foonaa/mooraa*

**moonyee** *n* 1 mortar, i.e., a receptacle in which things like grain, chilli, *geeshee*, etc. are crushed or ground with a pestle

2 children's game in which an older child carries a smaller child on his/her back and approaches any person he/she finds around: Child: *moonyee bittuu?* Would you buy a mortar? Any person: *gatiin meeqa?* What is the price? Child: *daaraa fi daakuu* Ashes and flour Any person: *fudhuu badi* Take it away and get lost! [They take turns and continue until they are bored and tired]

**mo'oo** *n* lower end of the backbone *mucaa koo mo'oo isaatu bu'e* My child has developed pain in the back (*usu* said of a child whose buttocks hit the ground after a fall).

**mooqa** See *mooquu*

**mooqqaa** See *mooquu*

**mooqqachuu** See *mooquu*

**mooqqattuu** See *mooquu*

**mooquu** *tv* 1 prepare a ferment or yeast by boiling dough *mooqa mooqxi* She is boiling dough to be used as yeast 2 prepare gruel *isa duddaa na kutuuf mooqa naa mooqi* Prepare gruel for me; it's good for my back-ache. 3 paddle or row a boat or canoe *bishaan*

*mooqa* He is paddling a canoe. **4** (fig) confuse an issue *dubbii hin mooqin* Don't confuse an issue; (say what you want to say clearly and directly). **mooqa** *n* **1** ferment, leaven, or yeast **2** gruel or porridge **mooqqachuu** *iv, tv* (usu used of a housewife) **1** prepare food secretly for self and eat it alone; steal food for self *niitiin isaa ni/in mooqqatti* His wife prepares food secretly for self and eats it alone. **2** paddle/row a boat/canoe for self *danda'ee mooqqataa?* Can he paddle it for self? **mooqqaa** *n* **1** spoon; see also *fal'aana; waan boojjitoon/haxumaan itti jiru mooqqaan him/im beeku* (saying) The spoon doesn't know what the stick for stirring porridge is doing. [specialization] **2** *oar mooqqattuu* *n* a woman, usu a housewife, who prepares food secretly for self and eats it alone **mooqxuu** *n* a person who paddles or rows a boat/canoe **mooqxuu** See *mooquu* **moora** See *mooruu* **mooraa** *n* **1** cattle pen; see also *foonaa/moonaa* **2** camp or barracks, usu for soldiers **mooree**<sup>1</sup> *n* cat; see also *adurree* **mooree**<sup>2</sup> *n* civet cat; see also *xirinyii* (1) **moortuu** See *mooruu* **mooruu** *iv, tv* **1** bewitch, cast a spell on sb/sth; harm *midhaan kootti moore* He bewitched my crop (so my crop failed). **2** be

very fat; usu with a paunch *ni/in moore* He became fat. See also *furdachu* (1) **moora** *n* fat lining the stomach; tallow or fat **moora ijaa** *n* grotesque, fat-like spot on the pupil of the eye (can cause blindness) **moora ilaalu** *tv* look at/read the entrails and claim to predict future events in a person's life; divine augur *moora ilaalee akka iseen fayyitu itti hime* He looked at entrails and told her that she would recover from her illness. **moora kalee** *n* wax-like fat **moortuu** **1** fortune teller; divine augur **2** sb that harms sb/sth; sorcerer/witch; hepatoscopist **moosisuu** See *moowuu* **mootii** See *moowuu* **mootummaa** See *moowuu* **moowachiisuu** Same as *moosisuu* under *moowuu* **moowachuu** See *moowuu* **moowamuu** See *moowuu* **moowatamuu** Same as *moowamuu* under *moowuu* **moowuu** *tv* beat, defeat, rout or win a victory over; wipe the floor with sb; win a court case *wal'aansoo dhaan sin moowa* I can beat you at wrestling *loltuu keenyatu moowe* Our soldiers won the battle. *namicha isa na himate sana nan moowe* I won the case, and the plaintiff lost. **moo'ina** *n* victory; triumph **moosisuu** *tv* cause sb to win or help sb to defeat sb *isatu isa na moosise malee ani him/im moowamuun ture*

Had he not helped him and made him beat me, I wouldn't have been defeated. **mootii** *n* chief, king, leader, or ruler  
**mootummaa** *n* 1 domain or kingdom 2 govern-  
ment **moowachuu** *tv* defeat for self *qobaa koon jara moowadhe* I beat them all by myself.  
**moowamuu** *tv* (passive) be defeated or beaten; lose a court case *osoo tokkummaa qabaannee him/im moowamnu ture* We wouldn't have been defeated if we had unity.  
**mooxii** *n* a large needle for sewing sacks and the like  
**mooxxaa** See *mooxxaawuu*  
**mooxxaawuu** *iv* (used of relationship) be close *nuyi fira, garuu walitti him/im mooxxaanu* We are relatives, but we are not close. **mooxxaa** *n* close relation  
**mooxxaa dhabuu** *iv* lack closeness *ani isa arraa mooxxaa hin qabu woo akkamittin liqii naa kenni jedhaan?* I am not close to him, so how can I ask him to give me a loan? **mooxxaa qabaachuu** *iv* be close to sb *yoo isa arraa mooxxaa qabaatte, birri liqii isa kadhu* If you are close to him, ask him for a loan.  
**mooyyee** Same as *moonyee*  
**moqmoqaa** Same as *mommoqaa* under *mommoquu*  
**moqmoquu** Same as *mommoquu*  
**moqoo** *n* neck **moqoon nama ilaalu** *tv* despise; look down on sb; look askance at sb *moqoon nan*

(*na hin*) *ilaalin* Don't look down on me.  
**moqorqoraa** *n* a large kettle  
**moqoruu** Same as *qorquu*  
**moqqaa** Same as *mooqqaa*  
**moraa** Same as *moortuu* under *mooruu*  
**mora ilaalu** Same as *moora ilaalu* under *mooruu*  
**morgaa** Same as *mogolee/ribuu*<sup>1</sup>  
**morgaya** Same as *ribuu*<sup>1</sup>  
**morgoggaawuu** Same as *gonnonnaawuu* (1)  
**morgoggee** Same as *gonnonnooftuu* under *gonnonnaawuu*  
**morka** Same as *morkii* under *morkuu*  
**morkachuu** *tv* 1 argue with sb instead of obeying readily *ka'ii balbala cufi; naan hin morkatin* Get up and bar the door; don't argue with me. 2 compete *soqaa dhaan natu caalaaf natu caalaa dhaan waliin morkatu* They are competing with each other for the first place in digging.  
**morkataa** *adj* (usu of male humans) competitive; argumentative; disputatious or disputative **morkii** *n* 1 contention or dispute; showdown *manni morkii banaa bula* (saying) In a house where there is a showdown, a door is left open all night (because every person in that house refuses to get up and close it instead of passing the buck). 2 competition *morkiin haaduu liqimsiisa*

Competition makes the competitor swallow even a knife [when you are in a competition, you accept any challenge] **morkisiisu** *tv* match sb/sth against sb/sth *fiigichoo borii arratti Gammachuu fi Tolaa wal morkisiisu* Gammachuu will be matched against Tolaa in tomorrow's running competition. **morkituu** *adj* (usu of female humans) competitive; argumentative; disputatious/disputative

**morkataa** See *morkuu*

**morkii** See *morkachuu*

**morkisiisu** See *morkachuu*

**morkituu** See *morkuu*

**morkuu** Same as *morkachuu*

**morma** *n* 1 neck, i.e., the part of the body that joins the head to the trunk 2 collar neck, or neckband, i.e., the part of a garment that encircles the neck *morma kittaa* shirt collar 3 neck, i.e., any relatively narrow elongation resembling a neck *morma uuroo* the neck of a jar 4 single, i.e., an ox without a working partner *sangaa isaatiif morma barbaada* He is looking for a working partner for his only ox. See also *qeentee* (2)

**mormii** See *mormuu*<sup>2</sup>

**mormuu**<sup>1</sup> *iv* be determined; resolve to achieve a goal; be resolute or make up one's mind *morminee yoo ojjanne biyya keenya rakkinnaa ni/in baafanaa* If we work

with determination, we can free our country from poverty.

**mormuu**<sup>2</sup> *tv* oppose or argue with sb *ilmi abbaa dhaan morme* The son argued with his father.

**mormii** *n* opposition

**moroda** See *moroduu*

**morodachuu** See *moroduu*

**morodamuu** See *moroduu*

**moroduu** *tv* file, i.e., make smooth with a file *sibiila moroda* He is filing an iron rod. **moroda** *n* file, i.e., steel tool with hardened, ridged surface **morodachuu** *tv* file metal for self *eeboo isaa morodachutti jira* He is filing his spear. **morodamuu** *tv* (passive) be filed *eeboon koo morodamee?* Is my spear filed?

**moroma** Same as *mormii* under *mormuu*<sup>2</sup>

**moromaa** Same as *moroma*

**moromuu** Same as *mormuu*<sup>2</sup>

**mortuu** Same as *moortuu* under *mooruu*

**moruu** Same as *mooruu*

**mosee** Same as *dinnicha*

**moshee** Same as *mosee*

**moti** Same as *miti*

**mowuu** Same as *moowuu*

**moxobii** See *moxobuu*

**moxobuu** *tv* plow the border of a farm usu for minor crops such as flax, sunflower, etc., **moxobii** *n* border or edge of a farm on which usu minor crops such as flax, sunflower, etc., are grown *moxobiin qonnaa kootii suufii dha* Sunflower is grown on the border of my farm. *osoo qonnaa*

*hin jalqabin dura moxobii qoti* First plow the border of the farm before you plow the center of the farm.

**moxxaa** Same as *mooxxaa* under *mooxxaawuu*

**moxxaawuu** Same as *mooxxaawuu*

**moyxannoo** Same as *muuxannoo*

**moyyee** *adj* (of cattle) hornless

**mu** expression of annoyance, contempt, disgust, or disbelief  
*mu! ni/in sobdi* I don't believe her; she is lying. *mu! amma ammoo maal barbaada?* I'm disgusted! And what does he want this time? See also *bo*

**mucaa** *n* 1 baby *mucaa arma oosifti* She is suckling the baby. 2 child, i.e., little son or little girl/daughter *mucaan isaa*

*guddatee/guddattee?* Has his little son/daughter grown up? 3 term of address or reference to one's own child or to one so considered, regardless of age *mucaa koo adaraa nan (na hin) gatin* My son/daughter, please don't neglect me. *ilmi mucaa kootii na bira jira* my son's/daughter's son (grandson) is with me. **mucaa**

**mucaa kootii** my grand child 4 (fig) an adult that behaves or thinks like a child; childish  
**mucummaa** *n* childishness; immaturity

**mucayyoo** *n* little girl *mucayyoon kee guddattee?* Has your little girl/daughter grown up?

**muccisuu** Same as *boccisuu*

**muccuuruu** *tv* twist or wring  
*morma indaaqqoo muccuuree ajjeese* He wrung the hen's neck and killed it. See also *micciiruu* (1)

**mucha** *n* 1 teat of animals such as cows, she-goats, ewes, etc. *mucha reettii* goat's teat 2 spout, usu of a coffee pot *mucha jabanaa* spout of a coffee pot 3 Same as *arma*<sup>1</sup> (2)

**mucha-arraab** *n* a variety of weeds that grow in crops

**muchee** Same as *mucha*

**mucii** Same as *mucaa*

**mucina** Same as *mucummaa* under *mucaa*

**mucuca** See *mucucaachuu*

**mucucaachisuu** See *mucucaachuu*

**mucucaachuu** *iv, tv* 1 (used of a greasy, smooth, waxed, or wet surface) be slippery *lafti kun ni/in mucucaata* This ground is slippery. 2 slip, i.e., slide unexpectedly and by accident  
*mucucaattee kuffte* She slipped and fell down. **mucuca** *adj, n* (of ground only) slippery *iddoon kun mucuca; eeggadhu* This place is slippery; watch out/be careful.

**mucucaachisuu** *tv* cause to slip  
*iddoon kun nama mucucaachisa* This place makes people slip.

**mucuceessuu** *tv* 1 cause to be slippery; make slippery *ijoolleen karaa mucuceessite* The children made the road slippery. 2 cause to slip *qolli muusii nama mucuceessa* Banana peels make people slip. See also *mucucaachisuu* above

**mucuceessuu** See *mucucaachuu*

**mucucoo** Same as *mucuca* under *mucucaachuu*

**mucummaa** See *mucaa*

**mucucoo** Same as *mucuca* under *mucucaachuu*

**mucuq gochuu** *tv* finish by eating; eat a lot

**mucuquu** *tv* exploit, i.e., make use of selfishly *sirna nama mucuqu wal'aansoo dhaan jalaa bawu* One can remove a system that exploits through struggle.

**mudaa** *n* blemish, defect, fault, flaw, or imperfection *uuroon kun mudaa tokko hin qabu; bitadhu ni/in gaabbita* There isn't a single flaw (e.g., crack) in this jar. Buy it, if you don't, you will regret.

**mudaamuddii** *n* groin, i.e., the depression between the thigh and the trunk

**mudachuu** *iv* (applies to problems/difficulties) happen to; encounter a problem *maaliif oolte; maaltu si mudate?* Why were you absent; what happened to you?

**muddaa** *n* cinch or girth, i.e., a strap encircling an animal's body to keep a load or saddle upon its back

**muddama** See *mudduu*

**muddamsa** Same as *muddama* under *mudduu*

**muddamuu** See *mudduu*

**muddee** *n* September; see also *arfaasaa*

**muddisiisuu** See *mudduu*

**mudduu** *tv* 1 (of urine, bowel movement, etc.) fill the bladder or bowels to such an extent that one rushes to relieve/ease oneself *fincaan/udaan na muddinaanin mana fincaaniitti fiige* I rushed to the toilet to ease myself. 2 (of persons) press sb for sth/to do sth, i.e., urge or insist on *kittaa naa biti jedhee muddee na qabe* He pressed me to buy him a shirt. 3 (used of what is fastened, bound, or tied) tighten *muddii hidhi* Tie it real fast. *kittaan koo na mudde* My shirt became too tight for me. 4 hurry sb/sth; cause to hurry *nan muddin* Don't hurry me.

**muddama** *n* hurry **muddamuu** *tv* (passive) be pressed/tight; be under tension; be in a hurry *nan muddame* I was pressed for sth. **muddisiisuu** *tv* cause to be in a hurry, to be pressed, or cause to want to go to ease oneself

**mudhii** *n* 1 waist *kun mudhii keetiif ni/in ta'aa?* Does this fit your waist? 2 waist of a garment *surreen koo mudhii irraan baqaqe* The waist of my pants is torn **mudhii hikkachuu** *iv* (usu applies to an old maid) marry *eega manatti haftee booda mudhii hiikkatte* She married after being given up for an old maid.

**mudhukaa** See *mudhukuu*

**mudhukaawuu** Same as *bututuu*

**mudhuksuu** See *mudhukuu*

**mudhukuu** *iv* 1 (usu of fruits) be overripe/too ripe *muusiin kun*

*ni/in mudhuke* This banana is overripe. **2** (of beans, grains, etc.) be boiled thoroughly until it becomes soft *dafeen koo naa mudhukeera* My beans are boiled well. **mudhukaa** *adj* properly boiled; overripe **mudhuksuu** *tv* cause to be boiled properly or cause to be overripe

**mudoo** Same as *mudaa*

**mudura** See *fudura fi mudura*

**mugaatii** Same as *mufata* under *mufachuu*

**mufachiisuu** See *mufachuu*

**mufachuu** *iv* bear grudge or be slightly offended *mufattee nyaachuu didde* She refused to eat because she was offended.

**mufachiisuu** *tv* offend sb, usu slightly *waan ani jedhetu isee mufachiise* What I said offended her. **mufata** *n* offence or offense, i.e., behavior that upsets or embarrasses people

**mufata** See *mufachuu*

**mugaatii** See *muguu*

**muggutii** **1** Same as *ankaaksee* **2** case, i.e., question to be resolved in a law court

**mugiitii** Same as *mugaatii* under *muguu*

**mugoo** **n** **1** loan, usu applies to the lending of harness of a horse or a mule **2** Same as *liqii* under *liqeessuu*

**mugoota** Same as *mugoo*

**mugsiisuu** See *muguu*

**mugsuu** See *muguu*

**muguu** *iv* nod off, drowse, doze, nod with sleep, or slumber

*abidda bira teessee mugdi turte* She sat nodding by the fire. *akkam atuun itti haasa'u muga?* How come he dozes off while I am talking to him? **mugaatii** *n* doze or drowse *mugaatiin na qabe* I am in a drowse. **mugsiisuu** *tv* cause sb to feel drowsy *buna dhabatu na mugsiise* It was lack of coffee that made me feel drowsy. **mugsuu** *tv* close the eye *akka saamunaan itti hin seenne ija kee mugi* Close your eyes so that lather from the soap won't get into them.

**muha** Same as *muka*

**mujaadala** See *mujaadaluu*

**mujaadaluu** *tv* deceive *na mujaadale* He deceived me.

**mujaadala** *n* deception

**mujujaawuu** Same as *raata'uu*

**mujujee** Same as *mujujuu* under *mujujuu*

**mujujeessuu** See *mujujuu*

**mujujuu** See *mujujuu*

**mujujuu** *iv* (used of plants) be stunted *raafuun kun ni/in mujuje* This cabbage is stunted.

**mujujeessuu** *tv* stunt, i.e., check the growth of plants, usu by cropping it *reettiin raafuu mujujeessite* The goats have stunted the cabbage crop by cropping it. **mujujuu** *adj* (usu of plants) stunted *raafuu mujujuu* stunted cabbage crop

**mujulee** Same as *xossaa*

**mujuloo** *n* a variety of *buqqee* (**1**)

**muka** **n** **1** bush, plant, or tree **2** wood, e.g., board, lumber, plank, timber **3** handle *muka*



*dhagaraa/qottoo* handle of an ax  
*muka xilaa* handle of an umbrella  
**muka abbaa** *n* tradition *muka abbaa kootiiti* It's my tradition (handed down to me from my ancestors)  
**muka bidiruu** *n* oar;  
 paddle **mukaa fi baala butuu** *iv* talk nonsense; confuse or muddle an issue without sticking to the point *dubbiin siif hin galle; akkasumaan mukaa fi baala butta* You haven't understood the issue; what you are saying is not related to the issue.  
**mukaammukii** *n* unshucked corn **boqqolloo mukaammukii** *n* unshucked corn, i.e., still on the cob **muka boqqolloo** *n* 1 cob, i.e., part of an ear of corn on which the grain grows 2 corn on the cob 3 stalk of corn **muka buufachuu** *tv* cast lots by using pieces of wood *muka buufannee hiranna* We will cast lots and take our shares. **muka foonii** *n* wood with many leafless branches on which meat is hung  
**muka moonjee** *n* pestle **muka muka** *adj* different; see also *adda adda* **muka muka jechuu** *iv* (usu of food) tasteless or flavorless *gaafa utaalloon nama qabuu nyaati muka muka namtti jedha* To a person who has caught a cold, food feels tasteless. **muka qallee** *n* hockey bat; see also *qellee*  
**muka rigaa** *n* toothbrush  
**muka arbaa** Same as *ambabeessa*  
**mukaawuu** *iv* be bored, usu because of loneliness *qobaa ta'een*

*mukaaye* I was bored because I was lonely. **mukeessuu** *tv* cause boredom or loneliness *ijoolleen mana mukeessite* Absence of the children made the family feel lonely and bored. **mukuu** *n* boredom *mukuun isa qabnaan amuummata* He is yawning because of boredom. **mukuu baasuu** *tv* keep sb company, i.e., spend time with sb so that he/she does not feel lonely or bored *mukuu na baasee deeme* He kept me company and left.  
**muka kollee** Same as *muka qallee* under *muka*  
**muka mooyyee** Same as *muka moonjee* under *muka*  
**muka tumaa** Same as *muka moonjee* under *muka*  
**muka urgaa** Same as *qoraasuma* under *qoraasuu*<sup>1</sup>  
**mukeessuu** See *mukaawuu*  
**mukmuk jechuu** *iv* (usu of sth boiled) be done to a turn; cooked well  
**mukoo** hockey stick/bat; see also *qellee* and *muka qallee* under *muka*  
**mukukkula** *n* firebrand, i.e., relatively long piece of wood with glowing embers on one end usu serving the same purpose as that of a flash-light or small electric torch; see also *libaallibsa* under *libaallibsuu*  
**mukulkulee** Same as *mukukkula*  
**mukuu** See *mukaawuu*  
**mul'achuu** *iv, tv* 1 be seen, visible, or be in/within one's sight  
*manni isaa fagootti mu'ata* His

house is visible from far off. *ji'i mul'atteetti* The moon has appeared. **2** show oneself, i.e., be present at a meeting, etc., for a short period of time *lafa yaa'itti mul'adhu deebi'i* Show yourself at the meeting and return. **3** (of tapeworm) develop or appear *koosoon itti mul'ateera* He has developed tapeworms. **4** (used of dream) see *eda abjuu gadheetu natti mul'ate* I saw a terrible dream last night. **5** understand; see *dubbiin isaa tasuma natti mul'achuu dide* I simply couldn't see his point. **mul'ataa** *adj* clear/obvious *waan mul'ataa kana dhoksuu barbaada* He is trying to hide such an obvious thing. **mul'ifachuu** *tv* explain one's idea for self; display for self *amman yaada koo mul'ifadhee fixutti na dhaggeeffadhaa* Listen until I finish explaining my point. **mul'ii** *n* a party given by parents, relatives, friends, in honor of a newly-wed couple, usu after two weeks of marriage **mul'ina** *n* openness, i.e., not secret **mul'isuu** *tv* show, i.e., allow to be seen *qamisiin haphiin kun dhanna kee mul'sa* This light dress shows your body. *daa'ima kee iseetti hin mul'isin* Do not let her see your baby. **mul'ataa** See *mul'achuu* **mul'ifachuu** See *mul'achuu* **mul'ii**<sup>1</sup> Same as *mul'ina* under *mul'achuu* **mul'ii**<sup>2</sup> See *mul'achuu*

**mul'ii**<sup>3</sup> Same as *mudhii* **mul'ina** See *mul'achuu* **mul'isuu** See *mul'achuu* **mulleessuu** *tv* boil grain *shunburaa mulleessitee nuu laatte* She boiled chickpeas and gave them to us (to eat it). **mulluu** *n* boiled grain such as barley, beans, chick peas, corn/maize, peas, sorghum, wheat used as food *mulluu dafee* boiled beans **mullii** Same as *mudhii* **mulluq gochuu** *iv* finish completely; see also *fixuu* (1) **mulluqsuu** Same as *futuruqsuu* under *futuruquu* **mulluu** See *mulleessuu* **mulqamuu** See *mulquu* **mulquu** *tv* **1** fire from a job, an association; dismiss *hojii irraa isa mulqan* They fired him from his job. **2** deprive *mirga keenya mulquuf tattaafatuu* They work over time to deprive us of our rights. **mulqamuu** *tv* (passive) be fired or dismissed *hojii irraa nama baay'eetu mulqame* Many people were fired or dismissed. **muluqsuu** Same as *futuruqsuu* under *futuruquu* **muluquu** Same as *futuruquu* **munnaaguu** *iv* talk gibberish and nonstop *him/im munnaagin* Don't talk nonsense. **munnee** *n* anus or rectum **munyuuqaa** See *munyuuquu* **munyuuqsuu** *tv* mumble, i.e., chew slowly as with toothless gums *marqaa munyuuqsee*

*limqimse* He mumbled his porridge and swallowed it.  
**munyuuquu** *iv* crawl or wriggle  
*raammoon ni/in munyuuqa* Worms wriggle. **munyuuqaa** *n* worm  
**muqaaxa** Same as *meenxoo*  
**muqura** *n* water collected in the crannies of rocks  
**muqurtii** *n* worm in general, e.g., tapeworm, ascarid, etc.,  
**muraa** See *muruu*  
**muraasa** *adj* small; tiny; few  
*walgayii irraatti nama muraasatu argame* Few people showed up at the meeting.  
**muraasha** Same as *muraasa*  
**murachiisuu** See *muruu*  
**murachuu** See *muruu*  
**muramuu** See *muruu*  
**murataa** Same as *muraa* (4) under *muruu*  
**murattee** See *muruu*  
**murii**<sup>1</sup> See *muruu*  
**murii**<sup>2</sup> *n* a variety of grass  
**muriyyii** Same as *murii*<sup>2</sup>  
**murjaa** Same as *muujjaa*  
**murmurii** Same as *murii* under *muruu*  
**murqachuu** Same as *gabaabbachuu*  
**murqicha** *n* a stub left, usu as a result of amputation *harkii hanna baratee murqichatu munyuuqa* The stub of a hand that had been used to stealing stirs (saying)  
**murquu** Same as *murqicha*  
**murrii** *n* direction  
**murruq gochuu** Same as *mulluq gochuu*  
**mursiisuu** See *muruu*  
**mursisiisuu** See *muruu*

**murtee** Same as *murtii* under *muruu*  
**murteessuu** See *muruu*  
**murtii** See *muruu*  
**murtoo**<sup>1</sup> Same as *murtii* under *muruu*  
**murtoo**<sup>2</sup> Same as *mimi'oo*  
**murtuu** See *muruu*  
**muruu** *tv* 1 cut, i.e., penetrate with a sharp edge; clip, gash, hack (at), hew, slash, snick, snip (at) sth/sb off *muka mure* He cut a tree. 2 cut, i.e., wound oneself *atuu areeda aaddatuu of mure* He cut himself while shaving. 3 cut, i.e., shorten *eenyutu mataa kee sii mure?* Who cut your hair for you? 4 reap or harvest, usu sorghum crop *masingaa muruutti jiru* They are cutting sorghum. 5 remove from sth larger *daabboo irraa murii keenniif* Cut a slice of bread and give it to him. 6 reduce sth by removing part *maaliif mindaa isee irraa muran* Why did they cut her salary? 7 (of instrument with a sharp edge) be suitable to use *billaan kun him/im muru* This knife does not cut well. 8 break up hard ground, usu with a mattock *bajjii mure* He broke up a virgin land with a mattock. 9 decide, i.e., give a judgement *iseetti muran moo isee dhaaf muran?* Did they decide against her or in her favor? See also *murteessuu* below  
**10** (takes *garaa*) have dirarrhea *garaa na mura* I'm having dirarrhea. **muraa** *n* 1 conclusion

*dubbii kanatti muraa godhaa*  
 Conclude this discussion. **2** cut, i.e., the style in which a garment is cut *kittaa koo muraa isaa balleesse* He spoiled the cut of my shirt. **3** cutting, usu from a garment *muraa kittaa kootii akkam goote?* What did you do to the cutting from my shirt? **4** plow across or cross wise, usu after plowing a plot in one direction *lafa kana muraa qoti* Plow this already plowed plot cross wise. **murachiisuu** *tv* **1** cause to cut for self **2** cause to be determined not to love, talk to, etc. *dabaa inni natti hojjatetu garaa na murachiise* He wronged me and made me determined not to have anything to do with him again. **murachuu** *iv* **1** be circumcised *murateera* He is circumcised. **2** cut for self *foon muradhuu nyaadhu* Cut the meat and eat it. **3** (usu takes *garaa*) pull oneself together *ilmi kee du'eeraa garaa muradhu* Now that your son is dead, pull yourself together. **4** make up one's mind or resolve *koolejii galee baruuf garaa muradheera* I have made up my mind to join college and get good education. **5** harvest, usu sorghum crop **muramuu** *tv* (passive) be cut *muki kun eessaa murame* From where was this wood cut? **murattee** *adj* **1** circumcised **2** eunuch **murii** *n* bush, twig, etc., cut and left to dry (usu for firewood) **mursiisuu** *tv* cause to cut *achi*

*ijaajjitee muka keenya mursiiftee?*  
 Did you stand there and let him cut our trees? **mursisiisuu** *tv* cause to decide or pass judgement *isatu natti mursisiise* He is the one who made him decide against me. **murteessuu** *tv* decide, i.e., give a verdict at the end of a trial *abbaan alangaa natti murteesse* The judge decided against me. See also *muruu* (**9**) above **murtii** *n* **1** court decision; verdict **2** (takes *garaa*) state of making up one's mind, i.e., reconcile oneself to sth that one can do nothing about *du'aa fi jireenyaa isaa wal'aalee graanu koo murtii dhabe* I do not know whether he is dead or alive, so I still have not made up my mind to one or the other. **murtuu** *adj, n* **1** collective name for insects or birds that destroy crops by cutting their [crops'] new shoots **2** cunning *namicha murtuu* a cunning man

**murxuxxee** See *murxuxeessuu*  
**murxuxeessuu** *tv* throw a short stick by holding it on one end with a purpose of hitting with it *murxuxxee natti murxuxxeesse* He threw a wooden stick at me **murxuxxee** *n* wooden missile, i.e., a short stick similar to a boomerang in function except that it is not curved and it does not return to the thrower.

**murxuxxoo** Same as *murxuxxee* under *murxuxeessuu*

**mushurraa** *n* 1 soft skin at the cleft of the hoof 2 bride; bridegroom; see also *misiroo* which is more common 3 young leaf or branch

**mushurroo** Same as *mushurraa*

**musiina** *n* name of every three months in a year; season  
*waggaan tokko musiina afur qaba* A year has four three-month period.

**muta** *n* hump meat from a camel

**mutaa** *n* awl

**mutuu** *iv* germinate or sprout  
*shumburaan yoo dhuuban nifin muta* chickpeas sprout if and when soaked in water.

**muuda** See *muuduu*

**muudachuu** Same as *dibachuu* under *dibuu*<sup>1</sup>

**muudamuu** See *muuduu*

**muudanii** Same as *moxobii* under *moxobuu*

**muuduu** *tv* 1 daub or anoint with oil, butter, etc., *dhadhaa arka iseetti muudde* She daubed butter on her hands. 2 appoint or ordain **muuda** *n* butter used for make up or for anointing or appointing a person **muudamuu** *tv* (passive) 1 be daubed 2 be appointed or ordained *eega muudamee as boqqoonu jalqabe* He has been showing off ever since he was appointed.

**muujalee** Same as *buujalee* under *buujalaawuu*

**muu jechuu** *iv* show hatred or contempt *natti eerumi jennaanin muu jettee bira dabarte* When he

asked her to marry him, she expressed contempt and went her way.

**muujjaa** See *muujjaawuu*

**muujjaawuu** *iv* (of a place) be filled or covered with a tall grass with "soft" stalk **muujjaa** *n* a tall grass with "soft" stalk

**muummee** *n* 1 mountain or riverside slope *sa'a laga muummee irraa deebisi* Head off the cattle from the edge of the river. 2 source, usu of a river 3 Same as *muummicha*

**muummicha** (males) secretary or prime minister; leading or supreme *muummicha paartii keenyaa* Secretary of our party

**muummittii** *n* (females) secretary or prime minister *muummittii partii keenyaa* Secretary of our party

**muundoo** *n* (vulgar) Same as *qunxurroo*

**muunoo** *n* mongoose or ichneumon

**muurmuuruu** Same as *bilcheessuu*

**muusa'uu** *iv* be/feel drowsy for lack of enough sleep or for what one has been addicted to, e.g., coffee, drug, tobacco) *gaayyaa dhabeen muusa'e* I feel drowsy because I haven't smoked.

**muusessuu** *tv* cause to feel drowsy *dhaba bunaatu na muusesse* Lack of coffee has made me feel drowsy. **muusoo** *n* drowsiness; boredom

**muusessuu** See *muusa'uu*

**muusii**<sup>1</sup> *n* banana

**muusii**<sup>2</sup> Same as *muusoo* under *muusa'uu*  
**muusoo** See *muusa'uu*  
**muuxa** Same as *muuxata* under *muuxachuu*  
**muuxaa** *adj* of animals with white tail or leg/feet  
**muuxachuu** *iv* 1 (of snakes) slough off, i.e., shade a slough *bofatu asitti muuxate* A snake sloughed its skin here. 2 (used of lemon, sugarcane, orange, etc.,) suck juice out of *loomii muuxatti* She is sucking the juice from the lemon. 3 (used of a finger) suck *mucaan kun abbuudduu isaa muuxata* This child sucks his thumb. 4 recover; feel better *amma xinnoo muuxateera* Now he has recovered a little. **muuxata** *n* slough **muuxata bofaa** slough of a snake  
**muuxannoo** *n* experience obtained after doing sth repeatedly  
**muuxata** See *muuxachuu*  
**muuxoo** 1 Same as *mushurraa* (3) 2 Same as *huuxoo*  
**muuyalee** Same as *buujalee* under *buujalaawuu*  
**muxii** *n* bodkin, i.e., a blunt, thick needle  
**muxuu** Same as *mutu*  
**muxuxeessuu** Same as *fixuu* (1)  
**muxachuu** See *muxxeessuu*  
**muxxee**<sup>1</sup> See *muxxeessuu*  
**muxxee**<sup>2</sup> (vulgar) Same as *buqushaa*  
**muxxeessuu** *tv* 1 (usu used of lips) form the lips into the shape

of a spout *usu* in anger, disappointment, disgust, or a scorn; spout or curl the lips; pucker up one's lips *hidhii isee muxxeessite* She curled her lips. 2 taper, i.e., cause to become narrower towards the end; sharpen *usu* a stick *ulee isaa muxxeesse* His stick tapered off to a point/He sharpened one end of his stick 3 run *lafaa kaatee muxxeessite* She got up and ran. **muxxachuu** *tv* taper *uleen isaa ni/in muxxate* His stick tapered off to a point. **muxxee** *adj* talebearer, telltale, or tattler, i.e., of a person (*usu* a child) who informs on another *mucaa muxxee kana fuul duratti hin dubbatinaa* Don't talk (a secret) in front of this child; he/she is a telltale.

**muxxuq gochuu** Same as *mulluq gochuu*  
**muyaa** Same as *boosettii* under *boosawuu*  
**muyachuu** Same as *xinnaachuu/boosawuu*  
**muyira** *n* a variety of sorghum  
**muyoo** Same as *muyaa/boosettii*  
**muyraa** Same as *muyira*

**n/N**

**-n** suffixed to nouns that end in **aa, e/ee, i/ii, o/oo, or u/uu**, it is used for forming a subject.  
 Examples:

Object	Subject
<i>garaa</i> (stomach)	<i>garaan</i>
<i>dallaa</i> (fence)	<i>dallaan</i>
<i>damee</i> (branch)	<i>dameen</i>
<i>qubee</i> (alphabet)	<i>qubeen</i>
<i>jabbii</i> (calf)	<i>jabiin</i>
<i>haarrii</i> (gray)	<i>haarriin</i>
<i>haroo</i> (lake)	<i>haroon</i>
<i>muunoo</i> (mongoose)	<i>muunoon</i>
<i>tiruu</i> (liver)	<i>tiruun</i>
<i>tulluu</i> (hill)	<i>tulluun</i>
<i>tiruun nyaata</i>	Liver is food (subject).

*tiruu nyaata* He is eating liver  
(object).

**na<sup>1</sup>** 1 suffixed to certain adverbs,  
it means on/to this side (*gara*)  
*garana jira* It is on this side.  
(*gama*) *gamana dhufe* He came to  
this side (e.g., of the river). 2  
(vocative) suffixed to certain  
nouns that end in *-a*, it means  
"you", emphatic (*intala*) *intalana*  
*cal jedhi* You girl, keep quiet!  
(*nama*) *namana na hin*  
*gowwoomsin* You man, don't fool  
me! (*jara*) *jarana ol galaa* You  
people, come in. (*namicha*)  
*namichana na dhiisi* You man,  
leave me alone!

**na<sup>2</sup>** *pron* me *isatu na qabe* He was  
the one who seized me. *eessatti*  
*na argite?* Where did you see me?  
*maal na godha?* What harm can he  
do to me? *na waamte* She called  
me.

**naa<sup>1</sup>** *pron* for me; in/on my behalf  
*hattuu kana isatu naa qabe* He was  
the one who captured this thief  
for me. *naa hin dubbatin* Don't

speak for me. *naa kenni* Give me  
(sth). *maal naa godha?* What good  
will it do me?

**naa<sup>2</sup>** suffixed to some adverbs it  
means from down/up/ beyond,  
etc. here or to this side. (*gubbaa*)  
*gubbanaa dhufiti* She is coming  
from up here. (*goda*) *godanaa ol*  
*baate* She came up from down  
here. (*gama*) *gamanaa deemte* She  
went from this side of the river.  
**naacha** *n* crocodile; alligator *akka*  
*naachaa dhuga* He drinks like a  
crocodile, i.e., a lot. *naacha ajjeese*  
He killed a crocodile.

**naafa** See *naafachuu*

**naafachiisuu** Same as *naaffisuu*  
under *naafachuu*

**naafachuu** *iv* be/become lame; be  
crippled physically *edda dhalattee*  
*booda naafatte* She became  
crippled after birth. **naafa** *adj*  
lame or crippled **naaffisuu** *to*  
cripple *qorsatuu naaffise* Polio  
crippled him/her.

**naafeessuu** Same as *naaffisuu*  
under *naafachuu*

**naaffisuu** See *naafachuu*

**naala** Same as *damboobaa* under  
*damboobuu*

**naalchuu** Same as *damboobsuu*  
under *damboobuu*

**naalshuu** Same as *naalchuu*

**naaluu** Same as *damboobuu*

**naamusa** See *naamusaawuu*

**naamusaawuu** *iv* be disciplined  
**naamusa** *n* discipline, i.e., self-  
control

**naanaa** *n* a plant the leaves of  
which are used for flavoring tea

**naannaa** Same as *naannoo* under *naanna'uu*  
**naanna'uu** *iv* 1 orbit or circle, i.e., go round *dura mana naannoftee booddee ol galte* She entered the house after circling it. 2 detour or make a U-turn *karaa cufaniiruu naanna'ii kottu* They have blocked the main road; make a detour and come. 3 rotate/spin, i.e., move round a central point *gommaan makiinaa ni/in naanna'a* A tire rotates (on its axle).  
**naanneeffachuu** *iv* think over carefully before hasty decision, statement, etc., *dubbii naanneffatanii dubbachuu wayya* It is better to think over carefully before speaking. **naannessuu** *tv* cause to circle/go round *hattuu gabaa naannessee qabe* He followed the thief around the market place and caught him.  
**naannoo** *adj, adv, n* 1 surroundings; environment; in this vicinity *leenci naannoo kana jiraa sa'a eegaa* There is a lion in this vicinity; watch the cattle. 2 round *saanii naannoo* a round plate 3 roundabout *karaa naannoo* a roundabout route 4 turn *naannoon sa'a tiksuu har'a kan eenyuuti?* Whose turn is it to tend the cattle today? 5 an unmarried girl's variety of braided hair style  
**naannawaa** Same as *naannoo* (1) under *naanna'uu*  
**naannawuu** Same as *naanna'uu*  
**naanneeffachuu** See *naanna'uu*

**naannessuu** See *naanna'uu*  
**naanniga** *n* trough from which animals drink water  
**naannigga** Same as *naaniga*  
**naannoo** See *naanna'uu*  
**naa'oo** Same as *ijaaba*  
**naaqqaa'uu** Same as *lanqaxuu*  
**naaqqoo** Same as *lanqaxaa* under *lanqaxuu*  
**naasii** *n* 1 a kind of rifle 2 copper  
**naasisuu** See *nawuu*  
**naasuu** See *nawuu*  
**naatee** Same as *simboo*  
**naatoo** Same as *simboo*  
**naatuu** See *nawuu*  
**naayyee** Same as *bukkee?*  
**nabii** *n* god; deity or guardian angel *nabiin koo na gargaara* My guardian angel will help me.  
**nadaa** *n* sheaf, grain plants tied together in a small bunch or bundle  
**nadaamaa** Same as *gaabbii* under *gaabbuu*  
**nadaamawuu** Same as *gaabbuu*  
**nadaayii** Same as *qurcii* (2) under *qurcaawuu*  
**naddii** *n* 1 white bean 2 incense stick  
**nadha** Same as *dharraa* under *dharra'uu*  
**nadheen** *n* 1 woman/women; see also *dubartii* 2 (fig) coward *nadheen kun maal si godha?* What harm can this coward do you?  
**nadhii** *n* 1 run honey 2 (fig) divel, drool, or slobber of babies  
**nadhitoo** Same as *nadheen*  
**nadhoo** Same as *nadheen*



**nadhuu** *iv* crave for or desire  
*sangaan koo hora nadhe* My ox  
 craves (for) a drink of mineral  
 water. See also *dharra'uu nadha*  
*n* craving *horiin nadha horaa qabu*,  
*badee hora dhaqa* (saying) Cattle  
 that have craving for mineral  
 water, disappear stealthily and  
 go to the place where there is  
 mineral water. [Don't stop until  
 you get what you have set your  
 heart on]

**nadoo**<sup>1</sup> *n* 1 (usu of butter) fresh  
*dhadhaa nadoo* fresh butter 2 (of  
 food) bland or mild, i.e., not  
 sharp in taste; not spicy *waxii*  
*nadoo malee hin nyaatu* He won't  
 eat stew unless it is bland. 3  
 dress or cloth without fringe or a  
 decorative border *qamisii nadoo*  
*naa bite* He bought me a dress  
 without a fringe.

**nadoo**<sup>2</sup> *n* sheaf, i.e., a bundle of  
 cut stalks of grain

**nafa**<sup>1</sup> *n* body; see also *dhanna nafa*  
*saala* *n* organ of production of  
 female humans; euphemism for  
*buqushaa nafa nafa* *adv* fast or  
 quickly *nafa nafa deemi* Go fast  
**nafa godhachuu** Same as  
*gabbachuu nafa qabeessa* *adj* (of  
 male) chubby or plump; fat **nafa**  
**qabeettii** *adj* (of female) fat;  
 plump or chubby

**nafa**<sup>2</sup> See *nafaawuu*

**nafaawuu** *iv* 1 hurry *maaliif akkana*  
*nafoofti?* Why does she hurry so  
 much? 2 defecate while  
 unconscious, usu due to illness  
*dhukkubsatee eega nafaayee booda*

*fayye* He recovered after  
 defecating while in a coma **nafa**  
*n* excrement, diarrhea or stool  
 excreted by a person who is in a  
 coma **nafeessuu** *tv* 1 cause sb to  
 become unconscious suddenly  
*dhukkubi tokko tokko nama nafeessa*  
 Some diseases make people  
 unconscious suddenly. 2 hurry/  
 rush sb very much *isee hin*  
*nafeessin; hin qophoofnee* Don't  
 rush her; she is not ready yet.  
*maa na nafeessitaa?* Why are you  
 rushing me? **nafooftuu** *adj* a  
 person who rushes/hurries,  
 hustles, or bustles

**nafaqaa** *n* assistance, help, or  
 support usu given to the needy  
*nafaqaa ollaatiin jiraatti* She lives  
 on the material or financial  
 assistance she gets from the  
 community.

**nafasa** *n* cigarette stub

**nafeessuu** See *nafaawuu*

**nafooftuu** See *nafaawuu*

**nagaa** *adj*, *n* 1 (usu in greeting)  
 fine or well, i.e., in good health  
 or in a satisfactory condition  
*nagaa ooltee/oltanii* How are you,  
 how was your day? *nagaa*  
*bultee/bultanii?* Good morning?  
*obboleessi kee nagaa dhaa?* How is  
 your brother, is he fine? *galata*  
*waaq, nagaa dha* Thanks God, he  
 is fine. *nagaan gali* I wish you a  
 safe return home. *nagaan/*  
*nagaatti bulaa* Good night (you,  
 pl) *nagaan/nagaatti buli* Good  
 night (you, singular) *nagaan* or  
*nagaatti oolaa* Have a nice day

(you, pl) *nagaan/nagaatti ooli*  
 Have a nice day (you, singular) **2**  
 peace, i.e., absence of hostilities  
 in a family, community, a  
 society, etc., *jarrii waraana/lola*  
*malee nagaan hin jaal'atanu* They  
 don't like peace; they love war.  
**nagaa dhaamuu** *iv* tell sb to give  
 one's regards to *nagaan iseetti*  
*dhaame* I told sb to give my  
 regards to her. **naga dhabeessa**  
*adj* **1** (of male) of poor health;  
 sickly *naga dhabeessa kana hin*  
*hojjachiisinaa* Don't let this sickly  
 man work. **2** not peaceful;  
 belligerent; combative **naga**  
**dhabeettii** (of female) **1** of poor  
 health; sickly *naga dhabeettii kana*  
*hin hojjachiisinaa* Don't let this  
 sickly woman work. **2** not  
 peaceful; belligerent; combative  
**naga qabeessa** *adj* (of male)  
 peaceful; healthy **naga qabeettii**  
*adj* (of female) peaceful; healthy  
**nagachiisuu** See *nagaduu*  
**nagada** See *nagaduu*  
**nagadachuu** See *nagaduu*  
**nagaduu** *tv* trade, i.e., to engage  
 in buying and selling for profit  
*ashaboo dhaa fi buna nagada* He  
 trades in salt and coffee. *biyya*  
*baay'ee wajjin nagadna/naganna*  
 We trade with many countries.  
**nagachiisuu** *tv* cause to trade  
*buna isee nagachiisa* He makes her  
 trade in coffee, e.g., by providing  
 her with capital. **nagada** *n*  
 business, commerce, or trade  
*nagadaan jiraata* He lives on  
 trade. **nagadachuu** *tv* trade for

self *ni/in nagadata moo ni/in*  
*nagachiisa* Does he trade in sth  
 for self or does he let others do  
 the job for him? **naggaadee** *n*  
 merchant

**nagaroo** *n* sin

**nagayee** *n* (neologism) receipt,  
 i.e., written statement that shows  
 that one has received sth

**nageenya** Same as *nagaa*

**naggaadee** See *nagaduu*

**nahuu** Same as *nawuu*

**najaa baasuu** *tv* succor, i.e., save  
 from difficulty, danger, or  
 distress *waaq najaa nu ha baasuu*  
 May God save us from any  
 danger.

**najaasaa** *adj* filthy; impure; dirty

**nakkartuu** *tv* challenge or  
 struggle, i.e., accept a call to  
 engage in a contest, fight, or an  
 argument *in/ni nakkarta moo ni/in*  
*gabbarta?* Do you want to  
 challenge or surrender? *nakkartu*  
*baaduu nyaatta; gabbartu raafuu*  
*nyaatta* (saying) If you struggle  
 (for your right), you eat quality  
 food; if you submit, you eat  
 cabbage only.

**nam** short form of *nama* (see)

**nama** *n* **1** people/persons *nama*  
*badaan arge* I saw many people.  
*nama kudhan duwwaatu dhufe*  
 Only ten people/persons  
 showed up **2** human being *inni*  
*nama miti; bineensa malee* He is  
 not a human being; he is an  
 animal, i.e., he is cruel. **3** fellow  
 countryman *jarri nama biyya*  
*keenyaati* They are our fellow

countrymen. **nama irraa galuu** *iv* cool down, usu after being angry, drunk, etc. *aariin irraa galeera* He has cooled down. **nama maqaa** *adj* well known; famous; of a person who refrains from doing anything bad that damages his/her reputation **nama qaari'uu** *tv* insult sb sarcastically **namatti bawuu** *iv* resemble; take after *haadhatti baate* She took after her mother. **namatti dabarfachuu** *tv* 1 transmit or transfer disease to sb **namatti haqachuu** *Same as haqachuu* (2) under *haquu* **nama walitti naquu** *Same as naquu* (3) **namicha** *n* the man *namichi kun maal barbaada?* What does this man want? **namichoo** expression for addressing a man impolitely *namicho, ol seenii buna dhugi* Man, get in and drink coffee. **namii** **namii** *n* some people *kaan dhufee; namii namii mana isaatii him/im baane* Some people came; some did not leave their homes. **namittii** *n* (derogatory) the man **namummaa** *n* person, i.e., physique and general appearance *eega dhukkubsattee fayyitee namummaa iseeu irraa baye* Since she recovered from her illness, she has lost her former looks/appearance completely. **namaa** *n* for/to sb/people; others *namaa kenne* He gave it to somebody *namaa hin oogu* He does not care about the well-

being of others. *namaa jedhee du'e* He died for the sake of others. **namaa deemuu** *iv* show the desire to fight sb *yoo anaaf deemta ta'e kottu gadi baana* If you are in the mood to fight with me, let's go out. **namaaf** *Same as namaa* above **namaa dhukkub-sachuu** *iv* be sensitive to the feelings, problems, needs of others; empathize with **namaa gammaduu** *iv* be happy for sb **namayyoo** *n* relatives; see also *fira* **namayyuu** *Same as namuu* **nameenya** *Same as namummaa* under *nama* **namicha** *See nama* **namichoo** *See nama* **nam'isiisuu** *See nam'uu* **namoomsuu** *See namoomuu* **namoomuu** *iv* be somebody or revive and have something on one's person after being without strength, health, knowledge, money, property, etc. **namoomsuu** *tv* cause to be a better person *qonnaa jirbiitu na namoomse* Cotton production made me a person again, i.e., after I became nobody in this community. *koolejii seentee baruutu isee namoomse.* College education made her somebody. **namittii** *See nama* **namticha** *Same as namicha* under *nama* **namtittii** *Same as namittii* under *nama* **namummaa** *See nama*

**namuu** *n* all the people, usu in a family; *nama hunda*; Speaker A: *maatiin kee fayyaa dhaa* Is your family fine? Speaker B: *namuu fayyaa dha* Everybody is fine.

**nam'uu** *iv* 1 be spilled *wayyaa kootti bunni nam'eera* Coffee has spilled on my clothes. **gadi nam'uu** Same as *nam'uu* above *bishaan kun yoom asitti gadi nam'e* When did this water spill here? 2 Same as *naqachuu* (2) under *naquu* **nam'isiisuu** Same as *naquu* (7)

**nan** *pron* 1 (used with the first person pronoun, it indicates future tense) I + will/shall + verbs ending in a single -a *nan dhufa* I will come. *nan sirba* I will dance/sing. *nan taphadha* I will play. 2 (indicates simple past tense) I + verb ending in -e *nan sirbe* I sang/danced. *nan dhaqe* I went. *nan sirbe malee humaa hin jenneen* I simply danced; I didn't say anything to her/him/them. *nan tapadhe* I played.

**nana** *pron* (vocative) [emphatic; usu follows words that end in *aa*, *e/ee*, *i/ii*, *o/oo*, or *u/u*] *gurbaa nana na hin aarsin* You boy, don't make me angry. *harree nana ijaajji* You donkey, stop. *jabbii nana* you calf *qoolloo nana naa dhagayi* You deity, please listen to my prayers. *dhuufuu nana naa bayi*. You coward, come out and fight with me. cf., *na<sup>1</sup>* (2)

**nandha** Same as *dhanna*

**naqa** *n* time *naqa meeqa dhufe?*

How many times did he come  
*naqa lama dhufe* He came twice.

**naqana** *adv* this time; now  
*naqana naa galeera* I have understood it this time. **naqasi** *adv* at that time *naqasi naan (naa hin)* *galle ture* I didn't understand it then.

**naqaashii** *n* eye-witness; see also *ragaa<sup>2</sup>*

**naqachuu<sup>1</sup>** See *naquu*

**naqachuu<sup>2</sup>** *iv*, *tv* 1 betroth, i.e., make a female promise to marry oneself; be engaged *naqatteetti* She is engaged. *intala koo naqate* He is engaged to my daughter. 2 (of fruit trees, plants with pod, etc.) fruit or pod up *barana burtukaaniin koo hin naqanne* My orange trees have not fruited this year. **naqata** Same as *keeyata* under *kaawuu*

**Naqamtee** *n* capital of Wallaggaa, western Oromiyaa

**naqamuu** See *naquu*

**naqana** See *naqa*

**naqasi** See *naqa*

**naqata** See *naqachuu<sup>2</sup>*

**naqsiisuu** See *naquu*

**naquu** *tv* 1 brew *farsoos daadhiis naqxee gurgurti* She brews beer and hydromel and sells them. 2 pour *bishaan uurootti naqxe* She poured water into the jar. 3 cause persons to hate, fight, etc., each other; set against or pit against *obboleessa isaa natti naqe* He set his brother against me. *saree natti naqxe* She set a dog

against me. **4** load a gun *xiyyiitii qawweetti naqee diina isaa eeggate* He loaded his gun and waited for his enemy. **5** apply, add, etc. one thing to another *ittootti soogidda naqxe* She added salt to the stew. *ija kootti qoricha kana naa naqi* Apply this medicine to my eyes for me. **6** (of liquid or powder) spill *eenyutu aanann asitti gannaqe (gadi naqe)?* Who spilled milk here? **7** cause animals to enter or swarm into crops, forests, etc., *midhaan kootti sa'a naqe* He made the cattle swarm into my crop. **naqachuu** *tv* **1** brew for self *farsoo naqatte* She brewed beer for self. **2** swarm, i.e., move or go into a place in large numbers *daljeessi midhaanitti naqate* Baboons swarmed into the crop. *bokkaan dhufnaan manatti naqatan*. When it was about to rain, they swarmed into the house. **naqamuu** *tv* (passive) be brewed *farsoon naqamee?* Is beer brewed? **naqsiisuu** *tv* cause to brew *niitii isaa farsoo naqsiisee nu waamee nu keessummeesse* After making his wife brew beer for us, he invited us and entertained us. **nawuu** *iv* be/become frightened or scared; panic *bofa argitee naate* She was scared at the sight of a snake. **naasisuu** *tv* scare sb (out of his wits); cause to panic *saree isaatu na naasise* His dog scared me. **naasuu** *n* scare or panic

*naasuu dhaan fiigde* She ran in panic. **naatuu** *adj* of a person who scares easily  
**naxalaa** *n* cotton cloth worn over a suit, dress, etc.

**-ne<sup>1</sup>** (usu suffixed to verbs that do not end in **-achuu**; simple past) we, a bound pronoun. (*bituu*) *achii bitne (binne)* We bought it from there. (*deemuu*) *kaleessa deemne* We went yesterday (*dhaquu*) *ni/in dhaqne* We went. (*rafuu*) *ni/in rafne* We slept.

**-ne<sup>2</sup>** (usu suffixed to verbs that do not end in **-achu**; simple past; negative *hin* + verb + *ne*) I, you, we, he, she, it, they didn't/did not (*dhaquu*) *ani/ati/nuyi inni/iseen hin dhaqne* I/You/He/She did not go. (*deemuu*) *jarri hin deemne* They didn't go.

**neechi** expression used for calming down a mule when stopping/catching it

**needii** *adv* (usu rain) heavily *needii roobe* It rained heavily.

**neenca** Same as *leenca*

**neenqa** Same as *leenca*

**neeraa** *n* a five-cent coin; called nickel in the United States and Canada

**-neerra** (applies to the pronoun *we*) suffixed to verbs, it usu indicates the present perfect tense (*arguu*) *argineerra* We have seen (*dhaquu*) *dhaqneerra* We have gone. (*rafuu*) *rafneerra* We have slept. If a verb ends in **-aawuu**, **-fneerra** is suffixed after

changing -aawuu to oo.

Examples: (*qophaawuu*)

*qophoofneerra* We are ready.

(*machaaawuu*) *machoofneerra* We

are drunk. If a verb ends in -

*achuu*, however, -*nneerra* is

suffixed. Examples: (*dubbachuu*)

*dubbanneerra* We have spoken.

(*taphachuu*) *taphanneerra* We

have played.

**nephoo** *n* bean tasting like olive,

obtained from a climbing plant;

plant of this bean **nephoo**

**qamalee** *n* wild **nephoo**

**ni** Same as *in*

**ni-** If a vowel or vowels

precede(s) a noun that ends in -

**na**, the final -**a** is replaced by -**ni**

to change the noun into a

subject form:

<u>Object</u>	<u>Subject</u>
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<i>buna</i> (coffee)	<i>bunni</i>
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<i>diina</i> (foe)	<i>diinni</i>
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<i>faana</i> (sole)	<i>faanni</i>
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<i>mana</i> (house)	<i>manni</i>
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**niinii** Same as *limixii*

**niinna'uu** *iv* (usu applies to

children) grizzle, pule, whimper,

or whine *mucaan koo maaliif*

*akkana niina'a* Why does my

child whimper so much?

**-niiruu** (applies to the third

person pl/hon) it indicates the

present perfect tense (*nyaachuu*)

*nyaataniiiru* They have eaten.

(*dhaquu*) *jarri dhaqaniiiru* They

have gone. N.B. "a-" always

precedes -**niiru**

**niis** (expression) and also *ni*

*barsiisa niis ni qota* He teaches,

and he also farms.

**niitii** *n* 1 wife *niitii qabaa?* Does he

have a wife? 2 woman *niitii*

*tokkotu asiin darbe* A woman

passed this way. *niitiin abbaan*

*manaa mana hin jirre, du'a gayii*

*fardaa dhaqxi* A wife whose

husband is away, goes to a

horse's funeral (saying)

[freedom to do what she wants

to do] **niitii qilleensaa** *n* a big

bird that can remain (without

going forward or backward) in

one spot in the air and flaps its

wings [lit wind's wife]

**niitii bubbee** Same as *niitii*

*qilleensaa* under *niitii*

**-niittuu** (applies to the 2<sup>nd</sup>

person, pl/hon) it indicates the

present perfect tense *isin*

*dhugdaniittuu* You have drunk.

(*deemuu*) *deemtaniiru* N.B. "a-"

always precedes -**niittuu**

**nika** Same as *nikka*

**nikka** *n* date fixed for making the

final marriage agreement or for

signing marriage contract

**nikkaya** Same as *nikka*

**nin** Same as *nan*

**niyyaa** *n* ambitions, aspirations,

or all one's heart's desires *ilma*

*koo niyyaan kee siifha guutu* My

son, may all your heart's desires

be realized for you.

**-nne** suffixed to verbs that end in

*achuu*, it indicates the simple

past tense and it means

I/you/you/we/

he/she/it/they did not. The form is *hin* + *verb* + *nne*.

(*dubbachuu*) *ani/ati/isin/nuyi/inni/iseen/jarri hin dubbanne*

I/You/You/We/ He/

She/They did not speak.

(*nyaaachuu*) *Danuun hin nyaanne*

Danu didn't eat.

**-nneerra** (applies to the pronoun *we*) suffixed to verbs that end in **achuu**, it indicates the simple present perfect tense (*taphachuu*) *nuyi taphanneerra* We have played. (*bitachuu*) *uffata bitanneerra* We have bought clothes.

**nohee** Same as *gindoo*

**nokkoroo** Same as *mormii* under *mormuu*<sup>2</sup>

**nokkoruu** Same as *mormuu*<sup>2</sup>

**noo** suffixed to some nouns, it roughly means: **1** due to or since (*garbuu*) *garbuunoo hin jiruu fardi maal nyaata?* Since there is no barley, what will the horse eat? (*abbaa*) *abbaanoo biya hin jiruu, eenyutu isa gargaara?* Since his father is not in the country, who will help him? (*Caalaa*) *Caalaanoo hin didee, maal goona?* Since *Caalaa* refused (to do sth), what shall we do? **2** what about? Speaker A: *Caalaan ni/in dhufa* *Caalaa* will come Speaker B: *Danuunoo?* What about Danuu?

**noolee** *n 1* a kind of tree **2** servant of a religious leader or *qaalluu*

**noolii** *n* fare, i.e., money paid for a journey one makes in a bus, train, airplane, etc.

**noor** (used with second person, sing.) an expresseion used when a person, usu a guest enters a room. It roughly means "Welcome, take a seat"

**nooraa**<sup>1</sup> Same as *noor* except that this one is used with a second person, pl or honorific

**nooraa**<sup>2</sup> *n 1* lime, i.e., white substance obtained from limestone **2** bridge; see also *riqicha*

**nooruu** **1** an expression used when a cattle tender and/or cattle return home from a grazing field in the evening. It roughly means "Welcome home, cattle and cattle tender" **2** Same as *nooraa*<sup>1</sup> **3** Same as *ajab*

**noyee** Same as *gindoo*

**nu** *pron* we; us *nu maal goone* What have we done? *nu barbaadu* They are looking for us.

**-nu** Suffixed to numbers more than one, it means "both of; all the ... of" *isin lamaanu kottaa* Both of you, come. *jarri torbanu ha dhufanu* Let all the seven of them come.

**nuffisiisuu** See *nuffuu*

**nuffuu** *iv* be bored, impatient, or restless; hate *hojii malee taa'een nuffe* Because I sat about in idleness, I became bored.

**nuffisiisuu** *tv* bore, i.e., cause boredom, monotony, or tedium

*jireenyi biyya kanaa na nuffisiise*  
Life in this village bores me stiff.

*nuguya* Same as *gindoo*  
*nurataa n* a kind of "soft" stone;  
limestone

*nuti* Same as *nuyi*

*nuu* pron for/to us *nuu fide* He  
brought it for us. *nuu kenne* He  
gave it to us. *nuu barbaade* He  
looked it for us. *nuu(f) jedhanii*  
*rakkatani* They inconvenienced  
themselves for our sake.

*nuugii n* nigger seed or plant

*nuyi* pron we *nuyi hin dhufnu* We  
won't come.

## ny/NY

*nyaachisiisuu* See *nyaachuu*

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*nyaachuu* *iv, tv* 1 eat; devour; feed

*anqaaquu lama nyaate* He ate two  
eggs. *Nyaatee/Nyaatee?* Has

he/she eaten? 2 eat up, i.e.,

destroy as if by eating *daljeessi*

*kaleessa midhaan koo na duraa*

*nyaate* Baboons ate up my crop

yesterday. *boqqolloo kana*

*daaniyoon nyaateera* This corn

grain has been eaten by weevils.

3 (of animals) kill and eat *harree*

*isaa waraabessatu nyaate* A hyena

killed and ate his donkey. 4 (of

fleas, bed-bugs, jiggers, lice) live

on beds, in clothes, burrow

under the skin or live on the

bodies of human beings and bite

or cause itching *eda tafkiin na*

*nyaataa bule* Fleas were biting me  
last night. 5 have an itching

palm *arka na nyaata, har'a horiin*

*argadha natti fakkaata*. My palms

are itching; I think I'm going to

get money today (superstition).

6 drown *bishaan sun na nyaatee*

*oole* I almost drowned in that

river (water). 7 lose, i.e., fail to

make a profit *ashaboona koo haadha*

*na nyaate* Let alone profit, I lost

even my capital invest-

ment in my salt business. 8

bewitch *mucaa koo ija namaatu*

*nyaate kanaaf dhukkubsate* My

child was bewitched. That's why

he/she is ill. 9 (takes *aramaa*) run

to weeds *midhaan koo aramaatu na*

*duraa nyaate* My crops ran to

weeds. *nyaachisiisuu tv* cause to

eat *midhaan koo daljeessa*

*nyaachisiise* He made the

baboons destroy/eat my crop.

*nyaachisuu* 1 Same as

*nyaachisiisuu* above 2 cause sb to

lose a game *antuutee shanin isaa*

*nyaachise* I made him lose five

points in a game. *nyaata n* 1

food *nyaata naa kenni* Give me

food. 2 proper way of eating

*mucaan nyaata him/im beekuu ati*

*laadhuuf* The child doesn't know

how to eat; you feed him.

*nyaataa n* 1 collective name for

fleas, bed-bugs, lice, weevils, etc.

*yoo dafnee dafnee uffataa fi rifeensa*

*keenya miiccanne, yoo dhanna*

*dhiqanne, yoo mana keenya sirriitti*

*qulqulleessine nyaataa balleessuu*

*ni/in dandeenya* If we wash our



clothes and hair, if we take a bath, if we keep our houses clean very often, we can get rid of bed-bugs, fleas, lice, etc. 2 rheumatism or arthritis  
**nyaatamuu** *tv* (passive) 1 be eaten *nyaati qophaayee utuu hin nyaatamin hafe* Food was prepared, but it was not eaten. 2 drown *utuu iji isaa arguu bishaan guutuu keessa lixee nyaatame* Though he could see that the water/the river was deep, he entered it and drowned. 3 be unable to make a profit **nyaattuu** *adj, n* 1 of a person who eats a lot; gluttonous; see also *albaadhessa* 2 round worm; see also *maagaa* under *maaga'uu* 3 Same as *nyaataa* (1) above  
**nyaamaa** *adj* Same as *fungaa*  
**nyaannoo** Same as *nyaata* under *nyaachuu*  
**nyaanyaa** *n* (a term usu used by small children) food  
**nyaapha** Same as *alagaa*  
**nyaaphaan nama ilaaluu** *tv* frown or knit the eyebrows at sb  
*nyaaphaan na ilaalte* She frowned at me, i.e., looked at me with drawn eyebrows.  
**nyaqqee** *n* baby baboon  
**nyaara** *n* eyebrow **nyaara aaddachuu** *tv* (usu used of girls or women) be/become shameless or be ill-mannered  
*intalli kun nyaara aaddatteetti* This girl has become shameless.  
**nyaaraan dubbachuu** *iv* wink, i.e., close and open an eye

quickly to give sb a hint, usu not to speak **nyaara butuu** Same as **nyaara guuruu** *iv* frown or knit the eyebrows at sb; be angry with *maaliif nyaara natti guurti?* Why is she frowning at me?  
**nyaroo** *adj* of a man with hairy or bushy eyebrows  
**nyaata** See *nyaachuu*  
**nyaataa** See *nyaachuu*  
**nyaatamuu** See *nyaachuu*  
**nyaattuu** See *nyaachuu*  
**nyagoo** *n* baby donkey  
**nyakkee** *adj* vicious and mean; stubborn *saree nyakkee* a vicious dog  
**nyalee** Same as *moggee* (1)  
**nyam gochuu** 1 Same as *nyaq gochuu* 2 eat fast *buddeena ijaajjiitti nyam godhee manaa baye* He ate his food real fast and left home.  
**nyamnyam** *n* (of persons) cannibal *biyya isaa him beebku malee, addunyaa kana keessa nyamnyam jira jedhu* I don't know which country, but they say that there are cannibals somewhere in this world.  
**nyamuu** Same as *nyam gochuu* (2)  
**nyanyaachuu** *iv* itch *dhanna koo na nyanyaata* I am itching all over.  
**nyanyanyee** *adj* rabid *saree nyanyanyee* a rabid/mad dog  
**nyaph gochuu** Same as *nyaq gochuu*  
**nyaq gochuu** *tv* hold or tie firmly  
*nyaq godhee isee qabee gadhiisuu dide* He held her firmly and refused to let her go. **nyaq**

**godhii hidhi** Fasten/Tie it firmly.

**nyaqqisaa** *n* the cry of baboon babies

**nyarii** *n* (of *xaafii*) ready to be threshed

**nyarqoo** *n* baby camel

**nyeenya'aa** *adj* of a man who exaggerates an issue

**nyeenyaatuu** *adj* of a woman who exaggerates a minor issue

**nyeenyee** Same as **nyeenyaatuu**

**nyignygaa** *adj* disputatious; argumentative

**nyignyiguu** *iv* argue and argue nonstop and tire sb

## o/oo/O/OO

**o'aa** Same as **hoo'aa** under **hoo'uu**<sup>3</sup>

**obaa** Same as **obee**

**obaafachuu** See **obaasuu**

**obaasisuu** See **obaasuu**

**obaasuu** *tv* 1 give drink to sb/sth, i.e., make sb/sth drink *sa'a*

*bishaan obaaseeraa*? Has he given water to the cattle? 2 water

*masinoo bishaan obaasi* Water the vegetables at the irrigation field.

3 give sb a thirst or make sb feel thirsty *nyaati tokko tokko bishaan*

*nama obaasa* Some kinds of food make a person feel thirsty.

**obaafachuu** *tv* give drink to sb/sth for self; make drink

*sangaa koo bishaan obaafadhee*

*awuun deebi'u kottu* Come after I return from the river where I

make my ox drink water.

**obaasisuu** Same as **obaasuu** (3) above

**obbaafachiisuu** See **obbafachuu**

**obbaafachuu** *iv, tv* 1 overcome,

finish or complete an enemy, a task, a project, an undertaking,

etc., usu at long last *barmoota*

*isee barana obbaafatte* At long last,

she completed her education this year. *diina keenya obbaafanneerra*

At long last, we have

killed/overcome our enemies. 2

be relieved from/of illness

through recovery or death *kan*

*isaa du'a miti ni/in obbaafate* His is not death at all; it is a relief (said

of a person who had been

suffering for too long). *deessee*

*obbaafatteetti* At long last, she has

given birth (said of a woman

who had been laboring for too

long)! **obbaafachiisuu** *tv* (usu

said of a soldier who had been

mortally wounded) cause to die;

finish him off

**obbaatii** Same as *ofkoltii* under

*ofkoluu*

**obbaleysa** Same as *obboleessa*

**obbaleyitii** Same as *obboleettii*

**obbo** *adj, pron* 1 a polite term used

by a younger brother/

sister to address an elder brother

*obbo kottuu irbaata nyaadhu* Come

and eat dinner, brother. 2 Mister

(Mr.) *Obbo Guddataa* Mr.

Guddataa

**obbo guddaa** *n* a term of

reference to a lion, usu at night,

to avoid mentioning *leenca* for

fear that he may show up  
(superstition)

**obbolaa** *n* 1 brothers (to each other) *Boonaanii fi Duulaan obbolaa dha*. Bonaa and Duulaa are brothers. 2 sisters (to each other) *Caaltuunii fi Leensaan obbolaa dha* Caaltuu and Leensa are sisters.

**obboleecha** Same as *obboleessa*

**obboleessa** *n* brother *obboleessa lama qabdi* She has two brothers. *ani obboleessa tokko duwwaan qaba* I have only one brother.

**obboleessaa** *n* friend or brother, i.e., a term of address to a young man with whom one is not acquainted *obboleessaa, karaan kun eessaan na baasa?* Brother, where does this road lead?

**obboleettii** *n* 1 sister *obboleettii meeqa qabda?* How many sisters do you have? 2 Sister or Miss, i.e., a term of address to a young woman with whom one is not acquainted *obboleettii, manni kun kan eenyuuti?* Miss/Sister, whose house is this?

**obbolummaa** *n* brotherhood, i.e., the quality of being a brother, a friend, or brotherly

**obboo** *pron* a polite term or a term of endearment used by a younger brother or sister to refer to an elder brother *obboon koo maal ta'e?* What happened to my dear brother?

**obboroo** 1 Same as *shuubii* 2 breakfast eaten before dawn during Ramadaan

**obdii** Same as *oobdii*

**obee** an expression used to urge cattle move, usu when taking them to a river, lake, etc., for a drink of water

**obobsuu** *iv* 1 (used of a ram or he-goat in rut) bellow, bleat or roar in heat, usu just before copulating *korbeessi reettii ni/in obobsa* A he-goat roars. 2 (fig) sputter or splutter, i.e., make a spitting sound as when fat meat is fried in oil/butter *foon coomni awuu waadanu in/ni obobsa* Fatty meat sputters when fried.

**oboloo** Same as *hoboloo*

**obomboleettii** *n* cyclone, hurricane, tornado, twister, typhoon, or whirlwind; see also *bubbee* under *bubbisuu*

**obonboleettii** Same as *obomboleettii*

**oboo** *n* (of a generation) elder (cf., *cooraa*) Like one's horoscope, an Oromo is born to *oboo* or *cooraa* generation. Let's label *oboo* (x) and *coora* (y). If a father/mother is x, the children of x automatically become y, and y's children become x again. This is an endless cycle of generations. All the members of x and y generation, respectively, feel at ease with each other, and they are comfortable to discuss any topic including even sex which is normally a taboo. Because of this concept, grand mothers, who are x in this example, jokingly refer to/address their

grandsons, who are x, too, .as  
*"jaarsa koo"*, my husband. In  
 other words, a grandmother can  
 give sex education to her  
 grandchildren freely without  
 being shy.

**oboroo** *adv* at dawn; early in the  
 morning; see also *shuubii*

**oborra guddaa** Same as *adoolessa*

**oborra xiqqaa** Same as *hagayya*

**obsa** See *obsuu*

**obsuu** *iv* 1 bear, endure, tolerate,  
 suffer, or undergo pain, bad  
 character, grief, misery, etc.,  
 with equanimity; be patient  
*obsitee wajjin jiraatti malee dhirsi*  
*isee nama gadhee tokko* Although  
 her husband is a bad man, she  
 tolerates him and lives with him.

2 stay, i.e., satisfy for a time  
*amma irbaati gawutti, akaayi*  
*kanatti obsi* Have this roast grain  
 to stay your hunger until dinner  
 is ready. **obsa** *n* patience;  
 tolerance

**odaa** *n* 1 a kind of tree that  
 resembles a sycamore or fig  
 [*cordia africana*] 2 a symbol or  
 emblem of Oromo society

**oddoo** Same as *boroo* (1)

**odee** Same as *odaa*

**odeeffannoo** Same as *odeeffanno*  
 under *odeessuu*

**odeeffamuu** See *odeessuu*

**odeeffannoo** See *odeessuu*

**odeessisuu** See *odeessuu*

**odeessituu** See *odeessuu*

**odeessuu** *iv* 1 (usu derogatory)  
 claim, i.e., say sth is a fact  
 without evidence *midhaan*

*mi'aayeeera jettee odeessiti* She  
 claims that food items have  
 become expensive 2 say; talk (to  
 sb about sth) *warri katamaa maal*  
*odeessu?* What do the town  
 people say (talk about)? 3 talk,  
 chat, or gossip idly *maaliif achi*  
*ijaajjee odeessa?* Why is he  
 standing there and gossip idly?  
**odeeffamuu** *tv* be rumored  
*dubbiin kaleessa odeeffame sun soba*  
*moo dhugaa dha?* Is what was  
 rumored yesterday true or false?  
**odeeffannoo** *n* information; fact  
**odeessisuu** *tv* cause sb to  
 spread news *duulli hin oolu*  
*jedhanii odeessisuu jalqabaniiru*  
 They have started making their  
 agents spread news about the  
 possibility of war. **odeessituu** *adj*  
 of a person who is gossip-  
 monger, rumormonger, or news  
 monger **oduu** *n* 1 news 2 empty  
 talk or gossip *oduun durwwaan*  
*maal godha?* What is the use of  
 empty talk alone?

**odeeysuu** Same as *odeessuu*

**odelee** *adj* of a person who is a  
 scandalmonger, i.e., who  
 deliberately spreads rumors that  
 damage a person's reputation  
**odoggaa** *adj* (of a man) middle  
 aged

**odolcha** *adj* of a horse with a  
 mixture of white and black color

**odolee** *adj* usu of a cow with a  
 mixture of white and black color

**odoo** Same as *utuu* (2); see also  
*atuu*<sup>2</sup> (2)

**odulee** Same as **odeessituu** under *odeessuu*

**oduu** See *odeessuu*

**of pron self of agarsiisuu** Same as

**of argisiisuu** *iv* (of a person)

show off; be ostentatious *gaafa*

*dubartii miidhagduu argu of*

*argisiisa* Whenever he sees a

beautiful girl, he shows off. **of**

**ajjeesuu** *tv* commit suicide *of*

*ajjeese/ajjeefte* He/She committed

suicide. **of baruu** *iv* grow up or

mature emotionally *mucaan koo*

*of bareera* My child has matured.

**of danda'uu** *iv* be independent,

i.e., have one's own money,

house, food, resources; be self

reliant *of danda'ee jiraata* He lives

independently without getting

help from others. **of ga'aa** *adj* 1

independent financially, etc., 2

rich

**of gattuu** *adj* of a person who

neglects self in matters of

money, hygiene, security, etc.,

**of gatuu** *iv* neglect self in

matters of security, money,

hygiene, etc., **ofii** *pron* for self

*ofii dhufe malee nama hin erganne*

He came himself; he didn't send

a messenger. **ofiin** *pron* by self

*ofiin dhufee malee namni isa waame*

*hin jiru* He came himself, no one

invited him. **ofiin bulaa** *adj*

(derogatory; of male humans)

self-willed, too independent,

undisciplined, or wayward

*gurbaa ofiin bulaa* a wayward boy

**ofiin bultuu** *adj* (derogatory; of

female humans) Same as *ofiin*

*bulaa* above **ofiin dhufee** *adj* self-

invited *cida awuu qopheessinu*

*ofiin dhufees hin dagannu* When

we prepare food and drinks for

an occasion, we also make

allowances for the self-invited

individuals. **ofirroo** *adj* (usu of a

boy) arrogant/conceited; bully

*gurbaa ofirroo* an arrogant boy **of**

**jaal'achuu** *iv* be interested only

in one's own interests,

advantage, etc., *of duuwaa*

*jaal'ata* He only thinks of

himself. **of jajaa** *adj* (of male

humans) braggart; boastful;

conceited *namicha of jajaa tokko* a

boastful man **of jajjuu** *adj* (of

persons) braggart; boastful;

conceited *ani niitii ykn namicha of*

*jajjuu kanaa wajjin hin haasa'u* I

won't talk with this boastful

woman/man. **of jibbuu** *iv* hate

self *maaliif of jibbita?* Why do you

hate yourself? **of tuulaa** *adj* (of

male humans) chauvenist/

jingoist, i.e., one who glorifies

himself too much **of tuultuu** *adj*

(of persons) chauvenist *niitiin*

*ykn namichattiin of tuultuun kun*

*maal jetti?* What is this

chauvenist saying? **of tuuluu** *iv*

[lit pile oneself] glorify oneself

too much; heap glory upon

oneself or extol oneself *baay'ee of*

*tuula* He extols himself very

much. **ofumaan** *adv* by himself/

herself *sangaan ofumaan dhufe.*

The ox came by itself, i.e.,

without anybody accompany-

ing it/him. **of wal'aaluu** *iv* be unconscious; be in a coma  
*baay'ee dhukkubsattee eega of wal'aalte booda fayyite* She recovered after being in a coma /unconscious.

**ofaa** Same as *hofaa*

**ofataa** *adj* of a man who engages in promiscuous sexual behavior  
**ofattuu** of a woman who engages in promiscuous sexual behavior

**ofbaatii** Same as *ofkoltii* under *ofkoluu*

**offaa** Same as *hoffaa* under *hoffachuu*

**offeessuu** Same as *hoffeessuu* under *hoffachuu*

**ofichoo** *n* bark of false banana, dried and made into a rope

**of ilaalii** *n* looking-glass or mirror

**ofittoo** See *ofittoomuu*

**ofittoomuu** *iv* be extremely selfish; do sth only with self interest in mind, not for general good **ofittoo** *adj* selfish  
**ofittummaa** *n* selfishness; self interest

**ofittummaa** See *ofittoomuu*

**ofkaltii** Same as *ofkoltii* under *ofkoluu*

**ofkaluu** Same as *ofkoluu*

**ofkolchituu** See *ofkoluu*

**ofkolchuu** See *ofkoluu*

**ofkoltii** See *ofkoluu*

**ofkoluu** *iv* 1 (usu used of humans) give birth to a baby and expel the placenta safe and sound *gammaadi, haati manaa kee ofkolteetti* Rejoice, your wife has given birth safe and sound. *baga*

*ofkolte* Congratulations on your safe and sound delivery. 2

(vocative) go ahead with what you intend to do, you have my blessing *ofkolaa/ofkoli* Go ahead, do it, you have my blessing.

**ofkolchituu** *n* midwife

**ofkolchuu** *tv* 1 (usu used in prayer) deliver from, i.e., rescue from danger, etc., *yaa rabbi nu*

*ofkolchi* Oh, God deliver us from danger, etc. 2 approve, excuse,

pardon, or bless, i.e., give sb permission to go ahead with

his/her plan, e.g., Speaker A:

*loltuu ta'uun barbaadaa na*

*ofkolchi/ofkolchaa* I want to be a

soldier, so give me your

blessing. Speaker B: *si ofkolcheera*

You have my blessing, go ahead

and do what you intend to do.

**ofkoltii** *n* human placenta or afterbirth; see also *ofbaatii* /*obbaatii*

**of laalee** Same as *of ilaalii*

**oftuu** See *ofuu*

**ofuu** *iv* be all bluff; bluff, i.e., try to impress by a display of false/empty confidence *ni/in ofaa hin sodaatin* He just bluffs; don't be afraid of him. **oftuu** *adj, n* bluffer; braggart; boastful *namichattii oftuu kana sodaattaa?* Are you afraid of this bluffer?

**ogdii** Same as *oobdii*

**ogee** *n* wedding present given by a bride-groom to the parents of a would-be bride

**ogeecha** Same as *ogeessa*

**ogeessa** *n* 1 (male)) orthopedist or bonesetter; medical man in general 2 craftsman **ogeettii** *adj* (of females) 1 orthopedist or bonesetter; physician 2 specialist in repairing broken furniture, utensils, etc., **oguma** *n* skill or knowledge, usu in handicraft; technology *oguma badaa qaba* He has a lot of knowledge or skills  
**ogummaa** Same as *oguma* above  
**ogeettii** See *ogeessa*  
**oggaa** Same as *awuu* (1)  
**oggana** Same as *hoggana* under *hogganuu*  
**ogganaa** Same as *hogganaa* under *hogganuu*  
**ogganuu** Same as *hogganuu*  
**oggoluu**<sup>1</sup> Same as *okkoluu*  
**oggoluu**<sup>2</sup> Same as *fuudhuu*<sup>1</sup> (3)  
**ogiyoo** Same as *ogiyoo*  
**ogiyoo** *n* cardamom, cardamon, cardamom, or grains of paradise  
**ogofofa** *adj* clumsy; bad *gurbaa ogofofa* a clumsy boy  
**ogongoluu** Same as *secca'uu*  
**oguma** See *ogeessa*  
**ohaa** expression used to urge a yoke of oxen at work to move forward; cf., *oofaa*  
**o'ichoo** *n* athlete's foot; see also *mimi'oo*  
**o'ifachuu** Same as *hoo'ifachuu* under *hoo'uu*<sup>3</sup>  
**o'ifamuu** Same as *hoo'ifamuu* under *hoo'uu*<sup>3</sup>  
**o'inee**<sup>1</sup> *n* a kind of big bird  
**o'inee**<sup>2</sup> *n* a kind of plant resembling bamboo  
**o'iruu** Same as *oyiruu*

**o'isuu** Same as *hoo'isuu* under *hoo'uu*<sup>3</sup>  
**o'ituu** *adj* (of a woman) lustful  
**ojii** See *ojjichuu*  
**ojjaa** *n* height, i.e., measurement from bottom to top *ojjaan isee ammam?* What is her height? 2 (of sth lying horizontally) length, i.e., measurement from end to end *ojjaan siree kana ammam?* What is the length of this bed?  
**ojjichuu** Same as *ojjichuu*  
**ojja duree** Same as *wixata*  
**ojjechiifachuu** See *ojjichuu*  
**ojjechiisuu** See *ojjichuu*  
**ojjichuu** *iv, tv* 1 work *faabriikaa keessaa ojjeta* He works in a factory. *tapha dhiisii ojjedhu* Stop playing and work. 2 do, i.e., perform, carry out, busy oneself with *maal ojjetti?* What is she doing? *isatu akkana na ojjette* He was the one who did this to me. 3 make/repair *barcuma kana eenyutu ojjette?* Who made/ repaired this stool? 4 do harm to *waan inni na ojjette hin irraanfadhu* I won't forget what he did to me? **ojii** *n* 1 business or work *oduu malee ojii hin jaal'atu* He does not like work; he loves bluffing/talking only. *ojii maalii asii qabda, deemi asii* Leave, what business do you have here? 2 employment or job *ojii dhaa eega bayee baay'ee rakkateera* Ever since he lost his job, he has been in dire financial difficulty/ straits. 3 advantage or use *billaan cabaan ojii hin qabu* A broken

knife is of no use. **4** (suggesting harmful effect) work *kun ojii diinaati* This is the work of an enemy! *ojii keeti* This is your work! **ojjechiifachuu** *tv* have sth made or repaired *gabateen ojjechiifadhe* I had a wooden plate made/repared. **ojjechiisuu** *tv* cause to work or do sth *tola na ojjechiisaa oole* He made me work all day for free. **ojjetaa** *adj* (of male humans) hard-working *inni ojjetaa dha* He is hard-working. **ojjetachuu** *tv* work, repair/make for self *gabateen ojjetadhe* I made a wooden plate myself. **ojjetamuu** *tv* (passive) be repaired/made or done *gabateen koo ojjetamee?* Is my wooden plate repaired/ made? **ojjetee bulaa** *n* worker or proletariat **ojjettuu** *adj* (of female humans) hard-working

**ojjetaa** See *ojjechuu*

**ojjetachuu** See *ojjechuu*

**ojjetamuu** See *ojjechuu*

**ojjetee bulaa** See *ojjechuu*

**ojjettuu** See *ojjechuu*

**ojjuu** Same as *abjuu*

**ojuu** Same as *abjuu*

**oka** *n* a style of carrying a baby, usu on the back *mucaa oka keetti baadhu* Carry the baby on your back.

**okaa** Same as *hookaa*

**okaatii** *n* a rope or a similar material formed into a ringlet used as a cushion between the top of a pillar and the center of a ceiling

**okkachuu** *iv* bend, i.e.,

be/become bent, usu like a hook *eda bineensa waraannaan eeboon koo okkate* I transfixed a wild animal last night as a result of which my spear bent. **okkannaa** *n* bending; crookedness *okkannaa isaan jibbe* I hated its crookedness. **okkeessuu** *tv* bend, i.e., make or cause to be hooked; form into the form of a hook *sibiila okkeessee kasaraa tolfate* He bent a bar of metal and made a cane/walking stick. **okkoo** *n* hook, usu wooden hook used for raking dead leaves, hay, etc.

**okkannaa** See *okkachuu*

**okkatee** Same as *okkotee*

**okkeessuu** See *okkachuu*

**okkola** See *okkoluu*

**okkolchiisuu** See *okkoluu*

**okkolsiisuu** Same as *okkolchiisuu* under *okkolu*

**okkoltuu** See *okkoluu*

**okkoluu** *iv* hobble or limp, i.e., walk lamely *maaliif okkola?* Why is he limping? **okkola** *n* limping *gaafa caban okkola baratan* (saying) A person learns to limp the day his/her bone is broken. [learning by experience] **okkolchiisuu** *tv* cause to limp **okkoltuu** *adj* of a person **1** who limps **2** who walks too slowly

**okkonyaa** *n* a variety of dance/song

**okkoo** See *okkachuu*



**okkotee** *n* 1 a large, earthen pot in which sth is boiled/cooked 2 water jar

**okokkaa** (pl *okokkaan*) Same as *anqaaquu*

**okolee** *n* a vessel in which milk is milked *okolee diddu gaadii hin diddu* (saying) The cow that refuses the milking pot cannot refuse the strap for tying her hind legs. [she can't be forced to release milk, but she can be tied by force]

**okoleettii** Same as *okolee*

**okoya** Same as *ookaa*

**ol** *adv, prep* (usu occurs in combination with verbs) above, i.e., greater/more than; up; upwards *kanaa ol sii hin kennu* I won't give you more than this. *soddomaa ol* above thirty *ol ilaali* Look up. *ol bayi/dhaqi* Go up.

**ol'aanuu** *iv* be above sb in rank

**olaantummaa** *n* superiority **ol darbuu** *iv* move towards a relatively higher place *ol darbii taa'ii* Go and sit up there. **ol**

**dhageessiffannaa** *n* appeal, i.e., a formal request to a higher law court to change a decision of the lower court **ol deemuu** *iv* 1 go up a slope, a hill, etc. 2 become richer, more famous, or be promoted to a higher rank, etc.

**ol duuduu** *iv* enter in a group *namooti gabaa dhaa deebi'anu bokkaa dheessuu jedhanii mana kootti ol duudan* When it started to rain, people returning from the market entered my house in

large numbers. **ol fuuchuu** *iv, tv* 1 (of voice) raise one's voice or talk loud *sagalee kee ol fuudhii dubbadhu/haasa'i* Raise your voice and talk. 2 lift sb/sth up *mucaa/ba'aa ol fuudhii baadhu* Lift (up) the baby/load and carry it. **ol galchuu** *tv* 1 let/sb in/into *eenyutu ol isa galche?* Who let/showd him in? *maaliif saree ol galchite?* Why did you let the dog in? 2 bring in sth from outside *goraan ol galchi* Bring in the firewood. **ol galuu** *iv* enter a room *bokkaa keessaa ol galaa* Come in out of the rain. **ol godhuu** Same as *ol kaawuu* below **ol guuruu** *iv, tv* 1 bring sth (usu go back and forth and bring in one by one) 2 feel sick or vomit; experience nausea *ol na guure* I vomited. **ol kaasuu** Same as *ol fuuchuu* above **ol iixachuu** *iv* 1 stretch oneself in order to reach for sth high up above one's head *ol iixatee kookii kutate* He stretched his arms up and plucked a peach. 2 attempt to do what is beyond one's ability, age, means, etc. *waan hin dandeenyeef ol hin iixatin* Do not try to do what is beyond you. **ol jechuu** *iv* sit up, i.e., take an upright position after lying flat *amma wayyaa qabdi; ofumaan ol jettee taa'uu jalqabdeetti* She is better now; she has started to sit up by herself. **ol ka'uu** *iv* stand up/get up *ol ka'ii ijaajji* Get up and stand. **ol kaawachuu** *tv* put

sth aside; save or put sth away for self **ol kaawuu** *tv* put sth aside; save or put sth away *bor nan dhufaa farsoo ol naa kaayi* I will come tomorrow; save some beer for me. **ol lixuu** same as *ol galuu* above **ol qabuu** *tv* 1 sit sb up *xinnoo ol na qabi* Sit me up a little. 2 hold sth up *mataa kee ol qabi* Hold your head up. **ol seenuu** Same as *ol galuu* above **olaadii** *n* a kind of tree **ola'ee** Same as *hola'ee* **olbachuu** *tv* (used of shawl-like garment) put on or slip on, usu on the shoulders **oldhalee** Same as *waaqilaalee* under *waaqa* **olee** Same as *ol* **olgaa** Same as *oolgaa* under *oolgachuu* **olgachuu** Same as *oolgachuu* **olii gadi** *adv* up and down, here and there, or all over places *olii gadi jooraa oolee galgala manatti gala* He comes home in the evening after wandering about all day. **ollaa** See *olloomuu* **olloomuu** *be/become* one's neighbor *anii fi inni olloomneerra* He and I have become neighbors. **ollaa** *adj, n* neighbor; neighborhood *anii fi iseen ollaa dha* She and I are neighbors. *Keeniyaa ollaa Sudaaniiti* Kenya is a neighbor nation of the Sudan. *ollaa keenyatti mana ijaarrate* He built a house in our neighborhood. **ollummaa** *n* state

of being neighbors *ollummaa malee firummaa walitti hin qabnu* We are not relatives; we are just neighbors.

**ollummaa** See *ollaa*

**olnaqii** *n* marriage negotiation whereby elders accompanied by all sorts of physically disabled /handicapped persons are sent to the house of the parents of the would-be bride who are unaware of the plot. The parents of the bride usu consent to the proposal readily since they fear that they or their offspring would be physically handicapped, too, if they don't.

**olola** *n* propaganda, i.e., exaggerated or false information spread by politicians

**ololee** *n* a large brown insect, usu found in a dirty place in a house; probably cockroach

**ololoo** *n* prose writing

**oloo** *n* a road, hill side, etc. that is steep; slope

**oloofee** *n* a kind of dance involving neck movement

**olotaa** *adj* hot

**olqa** See *olqaawuu*

**olqaawuu** *iv* 1 (us used of a tree) be hollow, i.e., have a hole inside *muki kun olqaayeera* This tree has become hollow. 2 form a cavity *ha'oon isaa olqaayeera* His molars have formed cavities. **olqa** *n* hollow in a tree, usu used as a hive *damma olqaa* honey obtained from a hollow in a tree

**omaa** Same as *humaa*

**omborii** *n* oat

**ona**<sup>1</sup> See *onuu*

**ona**<sup>2</sup> *n* an administrative region  
larger than *araadaa* (2)

**ondoolessa** *n* a variety of big bird,  
usu found around water/lake

**onfii** *n* excuse or pardon *onfii naa*  
*godhi* I beg your pardon, i.e.,  
your forgiveness

**ongee** Same as *hongee* under  
*hongeessuu*

**ongocamuu** *iv* be/feel nauseated,  
usu when the stomach is empty

**ongocoo** *n* scrapings from the  
bottom of utensils in which sth,  
usu porridge, has been cooked  
*ongocoo kana oolaa dhaa kenni* Give  
the scrapings to the sheep.

**onkoloolessa** *n* October

**onnaa** *adv* 1 if *onnaa barbaadde*  
*kottu onnaa jibbite itti dhiisi* Come  
if you want to; if you don't wish  
to come, leave it. 2 at the time  
*onnaa sana ani hin dhalanne* At  
that time I was not born. *onnaa*  
*kam dhufte?* At what time did  
you come?

**onnachuu** *tv* 1 dare to (harm,  
belittle, etc.) *nama humna qabu*  
*eenyuyyuu hin onnatu* Nobody  
dares to touch someone who is  
strong. 2 have courage

**onnee** *n* 1 heart, i.e., the organ  
that pumps blood through the  
body 2 (fig) courage or guts  
*namichi kun onnee hin qabu; xeellaa*  
*dha* This man lacks guts; he is a  
coward.

**onnokkoo** Same as *walaloo*

**ononnuu** Same as *hununnuu*

**onsiisuu** See *onuu*

**onsuu** See *onuu*

**ontuu** See *onuu*

**onuu** *iv* (used of a house, place, or  
hive that bees have left) be  
deserted; be uninhabited *manni*  
*kun eega onee tureeraa?* Has it  
been a long time since this house  
was deserted? **ona** *adj* (of a  
house or place) deserted *mana*  
*onaa* a deserted house **onsiisuu**  
*tv* cause to be deserted **onsuu** *tv*  
desert, i.e., go away from a  
house or place and cause it to be  
dreary or dull *haranii irraa ka'anii*  
*ganda keenya onsan* They all left  
and made our village deserted  
and dreary. **ontuu** *adj* (usu of a  
tiny house) deserted *mana ontuu* a  
deserted small house

**oo** *conj, int* 1 if; unless *oo barbaade*  
*kenniif* If he wants it, give it to  
him. *oo ojjete malee hin nyaatu* He  
won't eat unless he works. See  
also *yoo* 2 (an expression used  
when answering a call) yes, e.g.,  
Speaker A: *warra manaa akkam*  
*jirtu?* People in the house, how  
are you? Speaker B: *oo, isinis*  
*akkam jirtu?* Yes, and how are  
you? 3 oh *oo yaa rabbi!* Oh, God!  
4 What about? Speaker A:  
*Bulaan bor dhufa?* *Bulaa will*  
*come tomorrow?* Speaker B:  
*Gammadaan oo?* What about  
Gammadaa?

**oo'aa**<sup>1</sup> Same as *hoo'aa* under  
*hoo'uu*<sup>3</sup>

**oo'aa**<sup>2</sup> Same as *hoo'aa*<sup>2</sup>

**oo'aa**<sup>3</sup> Same as *hoo'aa*<sup>3</sup>

**oobdii** *n* 1 the ground in front of a house corresponding to a backyard *obdii hari* Clean the front of the house (on the outside). 2 threshing floor

**oobxii** *n* wide leafed, bitter cabbage

**ooda** *n* prophesy

**oodaa** Same as *hoodaa*

**ooddaa** See *ooduu*

**ooddee** Same as *ooddaa* under *ooduu*

**ooddoo** *n* goiter

**ooduu** *iv* not be on speaking terms with sb *fayyuma naan oodde* She/You stopped being on speaking terms with me for no reason. *isee dhaan ooda/oodu* He is/They are not on speaking terms with her. **ooddaa** *n* the sulks, i.e., not be on speaking terms with sb because of a quarrel. *ooddaa walittii qabu* They are not on speaking terms with each other.

**oofaa** (an expression used with working oxen) stop/slow down

**oofee** Same as *suurata*

**ooffachuu** See *oofuu*<sup>1</sup>

**ooffalchuu** Same as *ofkolchuu* under *ofkoluu*

**ooffaluu** Same as *ofkoluu*

**oofkalchuu** Same as *ofkolchuu* under *ofkoluu*

**oofkaltii** Same as *ofkoltii* under *ofkoluu*

**oofkaluu** Same as *ofkoluu*

**oofuu**<sup>1</sup> *tv* 1 drive, i.e., urge, usu animals, forward *harree oofi* Drive the donkey. 2 drive, i.e., a

motor vehicle *makiinaa oofuu beekti* She knows how to drive a car. 3 fly, i.e., direct the course of an airplane *abbaan koo rophilaanii oofa* My father flies an airplane, i.e., He is a pilot. 4 chase away; drive *booyyee oofaa bule* He spent the night (last night) chasing away wild pigs from his crop by using cries. 5 steal, usu cattle *hattuun eda horii baay'ee naannoo kanaa oofteetti jedhu*. They say thieves stole many head of cattle from this neighborhood.

**ooffachuu** *tv* 1 drive for self 2 steal, usu cattle for self and drive them or take them away *hattuun eda sangaa lama ooffatte* A thief stole two oxen for self last night.

**oofuu**<sup>2</sup> an expression usu women use when they pray usu in unison and it roughly means "answer our prayer" *yaa oofuu yaa rabbi* Oh, God answer our prayer.

**oogana** See *ooganaawuu*

**ooganaawuu** *iv* (usu of a churn) be dirty as a result of a curdle-like substance that sticks to it *ro'oon kun ooganaayera eebichaan dhiqi* This churn has become dirty; wash it with a special leaf and water. **oogana** *n* 1 curdle-like, worthless substance that sticks to the inside of a churn after cream is beaten to butter 2 Same as *dheedhii* (4) **ooganeessuu** *tv* cause to be covered with curdle-like dirty substance **ooganooftuu** *adj* of a female

whose conversation is dull and boring  
**ooganeessuu** See *ooganaawuu*  
**ooganooftuu** See *ooganaawuu*  
**oogdii** Same as *oobdii*  
**ooggana** Same as *hoggana* under *hogganuu*  
**oogganaa** Same as *hogganaa* under *hogganuu*  
**oogganuu** Same as *hogganuu*  
**oogi'oo** Same *ogiyoo*  
**oogummaa** Same as *ogummaa* under *ogeessa*  
**ooguu** *tv* bother, concern or trouble oneself about sb's safety, well-being, etc., *naa hin oogin* Don't be concerned about me. *nyaata naa oogdee ofii agabuu bulte* She was so concerned about me that she gave me her food and spent the night without eating. *siree isaa naa oogee ofii lafa ciise* He was so concerned about my comfort that he gave me his bed and slept on the floor himself.  
**oohaa** Same as *ohaa*  
**oo'i** Same as *hoo'i*  
**oo'ichoo** *n* athlete's foot; see also *mimmi'oo*  
**oo'ifachuu** Same as *hoo'ifachuu* under *hoo'uu*<sup>3</sup>  
**oo'ifamuu** Same *hoo'ifamu* under *hoo'uu*<sup>3</sup>  
**oo'inee** Same as *o'inee*  
**oo'isuu** Same as *hoo'isuu*<sup>3</sup>  
**oo jechuu** Same as *owwaachuu*  
**ookaa** Same as *hookaa*  
**ookaan** Same as *yookaan*  
**ookaanimmoo** Same as *yookaanimmoo* under *yookaan*

**ookiin** Same as *yookaan*  
**ookiinimmoo** Same as *yookaanimmoo* under *yookaan*  
**ookkessuu** Same as *okkeessuu* under *okkachuu*  
**ookkoo** Same as **okkoo** under *okkachuu*  
**ooksuu** Same as *hooqsuu* under *hooquu*  
**oola** *n* drought  
**oolaa** *n* 1 sheep 2 (fig) foolish or naïve *oolaan kun maal beeka?* What does this foolish man know? **oolaa bishaanii** *n* a kind of animal that lives in water and bleats like sheep  
**oolchaa**<sup>1</sup> Same as *oolmaa* under *ooluu*<sup>1</sup>  
**oolchaa**<sup>2</sup> *n* snack eaten any time after noon  
**oolchaa**<sup>3</sup> Same as *furgaasaa* under *furgaasuu*  
**oolchuu** See *ooluu*<sup>1</sup> and *ooluu*<sup>3</sup>  
**oolfachuu** *tv* own the whole/the entire property or business hitherto shared with (a) partner(s) by buying out the partner(s) *sangaa isa guddaa natu oolfate* I am now the sole owner of the big ox [i.e., after buying out the other partner(s)]  
**oolgachuu** Same as *olbachuu*  
**oollachiisuu** Same as *hoollachiisuu* under *hoollachuu*  
**oollachuu** Same as *hoollachuu*  
**oolmaa** See *ooluu*  
**ooluu**<sup>1</sup> *iv* be or stay at a place all day *asi oolee deeme* He stayed here all day and left. **oolchuu** *tv* 1 last or be enough for a day

*galaan kun bor nu oolchaa?* Will this provision last us tomorrow? 2 cause to stay at a place all day *qarshii dhabatu mana na oolche* I had to stay home for lack of money. **oolmaa** *adj, adv* (of work) day long, i.e., lasting for the whole day *oolmaa ojjetani moo yaroo dhaa gadi?* Did they work all day or morning session only? *tikseen har'aa oolmaa dha* The tending of cattle will last all day, today.

**ooluu**<sup>2</sup> *adj, iv* 1 stay away from, i.e., be absent from school, work, etc., *kaleessa ojii dhufuu maaliif oolte?* Why were you absent from work yesterday? *ijaa ojii dhaa ooleef qarshii dhaan adabame* He was fined because he was absent from work. 2 (usu of sorghum or corn ear) barren or sterile *boqqolloon kun ooluu dha* This ear of corn is barren/sterile.

**ooluu**<sup>3</sup> *iv* 1 escape injury; survive, i.e., remain alive after an accident, a calamity, etc., *awutobusii kaleessa garagale keessaa nama kudhan duwwaatu oole* From the bus that overturned yesterday, only ten persons survived. *muka dheeraa kana irraa kufee akkamitti oole?* How could he have escaped injury after falling from such a tall tree? 2 may, i.e., indicating possibility *yowwana dhufuu hin oolu/ ooltu/oolanu* He/She/They may have arrived by now. 3

(various forms of this verb is used in greetings during the day; it usu takes *akkam/ nagaa fayyaa/)* *akkam oolte/ooltan?* How have you spent the day today? *fayyaa dha.* I am/We are fine. *nagaatti ooli/oolaa* Have a nice day. **oolchuu** *tv* (usu takes *waaq /rabbi*) cause to escape accident, death, injury, usu by a narrow margin *kufeen oole; waaqatu na oolche* It was a close call. I almost fell down; God saved me from the accident.

**oomaa** Same as *hoomaa*

**oomacha** Same as *hoomacha* under *hoomachaawuu*

**oomachaawuu** Same as *hoomachaawuu*

**oomacheessuu** Same as *hoomacheessuu* under *hoomachaawuu*

**omecha** Same as *hoomacha* under *hoomachaawuu*

**oomii** Same as *hoomii*

**oomisha** See *hoomisha* under *hoomishachuu*

**oomishachuu** Same as *hoomishachuu*

**ooqqaa** Same as *hooqqaa* under *hooquu*

**ooqqachuu** Same as *hooqqachuu* under *hooquu*

**ooqsisuu** Same as *hooqsisuu* under *hooquu*

**ooquu** Same as *hooquu*

**oorii** Same as *hoorii*

**ooriinsa** See *orihuu*

**oorruu** Same as *oyiruu*

**ooruu** *iv* think; wish

**oosiftuu** Same as *hoosiftuu* under *hodhuu*  
**oosistuu** Same as *hoosiftuu* under *hodhuu*  
**oosisuu** Same as *hoosisuu* under *hodhuu*  
**oosuu** See *oo'uu*  
**oota** *n* embryonic fluid that bursts out just before an animal gives birth; see also *bishaan fuulaa* under *bishaan*  
**-oota** suffix that changes some nouns to plural, e.g. *sangaa* ox *sangoota* oxen N.B. Remember that the syllable that precedes -*ota* is always short  
**oo'uu** *tv* shout *natti hin oo'in* Don't shout at me. **oosuu** *tv* cause to roar, i.e., utter a loud cry of pain *leenci sangaa oose* A lion made the ox roar with pain, fear, etc. See also *hoo'uu*<sup>3</sup>  
**ooy** Same as *oo*  
**ooyiruu** Same as *oyiruu*  
**ooyloo** Same as *gadamsa* except that this one refers to females  
**ooyruu** Same as *oyiruu*; see also *oorruu*  
**ophoo** Same as *hophoo*  
**ora** Same as *hora*  
**oraatii** 1 Same as *bajjii* 2 a container that measures half of a *quunnaa*  
**orachuu**<sup>1</sup> Same as *horachuu* under *horuu*  
**orachuu**<sup>2</sup> Same as *guyya'uu*  
**orasiisuu** Same as *guyyaasisuu* under *guyya'uu*  
**orata** Same as *guyyaa* (1)

**orbobbaawuu** Same as *dorbobbaawuu*  
**orbobbeessuu** Same as *dorbobbeessuu* under *dorbobbaawuu*  
**orco'ii** *n* allowance, expenses, or money, usu given to a housewife to manage a house-hold *dhirsi koo orco'ii osoo naa hin kennin deeme* My husband left without giving me house-hold expenses.  
**ordaa** Same as *hordaa* (1) under *horduu*  
**ordofamuu** See *ordofuu*  
**ordofsiisuu** See *ordofuu*  
**ordofuu** *tv* 1 follow, i.e., move behind *gulufii ordofii qaqqabi* Gallop at full speed, follow him, and catch up with him. 2 spy on sb **ordofamuu** *tv* be followed; be spied on **ordofsiisuu** *tv* cause to follow  
**orduu** Same as *horduu*  
**orfaa** See *orfuu*  
**orfoo** Same as *ro'oo*  
**orfuu** *tv* poke, i.e., move sth with a sharp push *waan ta'e im/him beeku eda kabaa natti orfe* I don't know what it was that poked sth through my wall last night.  
**orfaa** *n* poker  
**orgaa** expression used to chase usu a he' goat  
**orgee** *n* baby camel  
**orhuu** Same as *fiiguu*; see also *orihuu*  
**orii** Same as *horii* under *horuu*  
**ori'uu** *tv* 1 utter a threat against sb *ijoolleetti ori'e* He uttered a threat

against the children. **2** Same as *dallanuu* **3** Same as *orihuu*  
**orihuu** *iv* run *orihi* (you, sing.)  
 Run. *orihaa* (you, pl) Run.  
**ooriinsa** *n* running  
**orma** *n* **1** (of persons) alien; not a  
 relative, i.e., not one's kinsman  
 or kinswoman *osoo orma ta'uu*  
*baatee nan gatu* Had he been my  
 relative, he wouldn't have  
 neglected me. *ormi sobeetu addaan*  
*nama baasa; firri sobeetu nama*  
*araarsa* (saying) The unre-  
 lated ones lie and divide  
 relatives, but one's own kith and  
 kin lie, if need be, and resolve  
 conflicts **2** people *ormi kun eessa*  
*deemu?* Where are these people  
 going? **ormummaa** *n* state of  
 being alien or unrelated *ani*  
*dhukkubsannaan nan gaafanne;*  
*ormummaa isaa beeksifate* He did  
 not visit me when I was sick; he  
 proved his being unrelated to  
 me.

**ormaata** Same as *hormaata* under  
*horuu*

**ornooga** Same as *daarii*

**orocoo** *n* large pot, usu used for  
 boiling food items

**orofaa** Same as *taraa*<sup>2</sup>

**orogeessa** *n* **1** a male calf that  
 sucks (i.e., draws milk from the  
 udder) even though he is old  
 enough to be weaned **2** a cow  
 that continues to suckle a calf  
 after the weaning time is long  
 over due

**orogeettii** Same as *orogeessa*  
 except that this one applies to a  
 female calf

**oromee** *n* **1** a variety of corn that  
 ripens in a very short period of  
 time **2** Same as *indaaqqoo* **3** a kind  
 of grass, usu found on farms

**oromiyaa** See *oromoo*

**oromoo** *n* **1** the largest, single  
 tribe in Ethiopia with about  
 thirty million population  
 (incidentally, Ethiopia's  
 population is about sixty  
 million) *haati koosi abbaan koosi*  
*oromoo qulqulluu dha* My mother  
 and father are pure Oromo. **2**  
 (takes *afaan*) Oromo language  
*afaan oromoo qubee dhaan katabama*  
 Qubee (Oromo alphabet) is used  
 for writing the Oromo language.

**Oromiyaa** *n* Oromo country  
**oromummaa** *n* oromoness or  
 being oromoo

**oromticha** *n* (of male) the oromo  
**oromtittii** *n* (of female) the oromo  
**oromummaa** See *oromoo*

**oronqolaa** *n* a variety of sorghum

**orooboo** Same as *abooree*

**oroogachuu** *tv* (applies to cows)  
 about to be dry, i.e., about to  
 stop giving milk

**oroogessa** Same as *orogeessa*

**orogettii** Same as *orogeettii*

**ororachuu** See *ororuu*

**ororamuu** See *ororuu*

**ororuu** *tv* grind or crunch, usu  
 unsoaked grain, roughly  
 without making it fine powder  
**ororachuu** *tv* grind for self



**ororamu** *tv* (passive) be ground; see also *garafuu*<sup>1</sup>

**orraa** Same as *obboroo*

**orrah** Same as *guyya'uu* (2)

**orri** an expression used for: 1 urging a yoke of oxen to stop/slow down; see also *oofaa* 2 urging a yoke of oxen (that is threshing grain by walking over it) to move fast

**orsiisuu** Same as *horsisuu* under *horuu*

**ortuu** Same as *hortuu* under *horuu*

**oruu** Same as *horuu*

**oshee** expression used to make a donkey move faster

**oshongoree** *n* a variety of beans

**osolee** *n* chipmunk; squirrel

**osoo**<sup>1</sup> Same as *utuu*

**osoo**<sup>2</sup> *n* rich, fertile soil

**-ota** suffix that changes some nouns to plural, e.g. *hoolaa* sheep *hoolota* sheep Remember that the vowel that precedes *-ota* is always long.

**otongora** *n* a variety of beans

**otontoraa** See *otontoruu*

**otontorsuu** See *otontoruu*

**otontortuu** See *otontoruu*

**otontoruu** *iv* (usu used of persons) be extremely old; be senile *akkoon isaa otontortee duute* His grandmother died after being extremely old. **otontoraa** *adj* (of male human) extremely old; senile **otontorsuu** *tv* cause to be extremely old/senile *iseenoo quxisuu kootii maaltu akkana isee otontorse?* She is younger than I am; what made her look so old?

**otontortuu** *adj* (of female human) extremely old; senile

**otoo** same as *otuu*

**otuu** Same as *utuu*

**o'uu** Same as *hoo'uu*<sup>3</sup>

**owaangayuu** a kind of tree used as medicine to cure malaria

**owwaa** Same as *hoo'aa* under *hoo'uu*

**owwaachisuu** See *owwaachuu*

**owwaachuu** *iv* answer "yes, present, etc.," when one's name is called *awuu maqaan waamame inni hin owwaanne* When the roll was called, he did not answer. *owwaatteettii?* Did she answer when she was called?

**owwaachisuu** *tv* cause to answer, i.e., say "yes"

**owwaala** Same as *awwaala* under *awwaaluu*

**owwaalamuu** Same as *awwaalamuu* under *awwaaluu*

**owwaaluu** Same as *awwaaluu*

**owwaara** Same as *awwaara* under *awwaara'uu*

**owwaara'uu** Same as *awwaara'uu*

**owwu** Same as *hoo'uu*

**oyee** Same as *ee*<sup>1</sup> (1)

**oyidii** Same as *oobdii*

**oyiruu** *n* farm; garden *abbaan oyiruu kanaa eenyu?* Who is the owner of this farm?

**oyitee** Same as *okkotee*

## p/P

In words like "obsuu/cabsuu", the "b" seems to sound like "p" when spoken fast. *ni cabse* or *ni capse* He broke. Other than such very rare cases, this sound is alien to Oromoo, and it occurs mostly in words taken from Indo-European family of languages. Sometimes the "f" sound is substituted for "p", as in *foolisii* for *poolisii*.

**paarlamaa** *n* parliament  
**paartii** *n* party  
**paastaa** *n* spaghetti  
**pirezidantii** *n* president  
**piropogaandaa** *n* propaganda  
**polotikaa** *n* politics  
**poolisii** *n* police  
**poostaa** *n* post; mail *mana poostaa* post office  
**ptoo** (the *p* in *ptoo* is not aspirated) an expression of surprise or sorrow, usu accompanied by spitting *ptoo yaa rabbi, yoom du'e?* Oh God, when did he die?  
**ptuu** Same as *ptoo*

## ph/PH

"ph" is not common word initially, but it occurs word medially in about seventy words observed by this lexicographer. It is geminated in about half of these words. Geminated:

**suphuu** *tv* patch; not geminated:

**suphee** *n* clay

**phalphal jechuu** Same as

*calaqqisuu*

**phapharii** Same as *dafee*

**pherpheruu** *iv* fear or bluff

## q/Q

**qaaba** Same as *gatii*<sup>1</sup> (1)

**qaabachuu** Same as *qabaachuu*

**qaaca** Same as *qaaccaa*

**qaacaruu** *tv* wind weft on the *qasamii* (see)

**qaaccaa** *n* sisal fiber [sansevieria] *rifeensi isee qaaccaa fakkaata* Her hair looks like sisal fiber.

**qaaccawuu** *iv* 1 be left fallow *lafti kun ni/in qaacote* This plot of land is left fallow. 2 be hungry *nan qaaca'e* I became hungry.

**qaachoo** Same as *warqee* (1)

**qaacila** See *qaaciluu*

**qaaciluu** *tv* ring a bell *bilbila qaacili* Ring the bell. **qaacila** *n* bell

**qaadhima** Same as *kaadhima* under *kaadhimachuu*

**qaadhimachuu** Same as *kaadhimachuu*

**qaadii**<sup>1</sup> *n* two bundles or skeins of warp thread fastened into a single bundle

**qaadii**<sup>2</sup> *n* qadi or cadi or kadi, i.e., a judge in a Muslim community, whose verdict is based on Islamic religious law.

**qaafira** *n* patrolling

**qaa gochuu** *tv* break sth dry with harsh sound *muka gogaa qaa godhee cabse* He broke the dry wood with sound.

**qaa jechuu** *iv* (used of sth dry) break with sound *uuroon koo kufee qaa jedhee cabe* My jar fell and broke with sound.

**qaalaa** *n* man-made or natural den or cave used as a place of shelter or concealment

**qaalawa** Same as *dhanna*

**qaalii** *adj* expensive

**qaallicha** Same as *qaalluu* (2)

**qaallitii** See *qaallomuu*

**qaallomuu** *iv* be ordained by supernatural being to be a priest or a religious leader; become a priest **qaallittii** *n* a female *qaalluu* (2) **qaalluu** *n* 1 gods in general 2 a man in whom a supernatural being/god/deity is believed to reside; traditional, Oromo priest/clergy or religious leader; wise man **qaallummaa** *n* deity, usu when manifested through hallucinatory behavior of the *qaalluu* (2)/*qaallittii*

**qaallummaa** See *qaallomuu*

**qaalluu** See *qaallomuu*

**qaama** Same as *dhanna* (1) **qaama safuu** *n* euphemism for *buqushaa*

**qaama miiraa** *n* sense organ

**qaamamuu** See *qaamuu*<sup>2</sup>

**qaamawuu** *iv* be/become skinny; look unpleasant/ugly **qaamessuu** *tv* cause to be skinny; cause to look unpleasant or ugly

**qaam'ee** Same as *qaamnee*

**qaamessuu** See *qaamawuu*

**qaammachiisuu** Same as *qaqqaammachiisuu* under *qaqqaammachuu*

**qaammachuu** Same as *qaqqaammachuu*

**qaamnee** *n* 13<sup>th</sup> month with five days or six days when it is a leap year

**qaamuu**<sup>1</sup> *n* 1 bark, cortex, or peel of corn, sorghum, or sugarcane stalk 2 body, i.e., animal or human physical structure; see also *qaama* or *dhanna* 3 body, i.e., a number of people organized as one

**qaamuu**<sup>2</sup> *tv* (usu used of *caatii* or roast coffee beans) chew *caatii moo buna qaamta?* Do you chew *caatii* or roast coffee beans?

**qaamamuu** *tv* (passive) be chewed

**qaanaa** *n* flavor/taste *qaanaa bunaa* taste of coffee

**qaana'uu** *iv* be/feel ashamed, embarrassed, shy, or be mortified; blush *nan qaana'e* I was ashamed/mortified/I became shy. **qaaneffachuu** *iv* be shy; be self-conscious *durbi ni/in qaaneffatti* Girls are shy/self-conscious. **qaaneffamuu** *tv* (passive) be ashamed; be disgraced *saba isaa ganee eega qaaneffame asi ol jedhee nama hin ilaalu* Ever since he betrayed his own people, he has been hiding/hanging his head. **qaanessuu** *tv* cause to be ashamed; embarrass or mortify

*mucaan kun nama fuul duratti na qaanesse* This child embarrassed me in the presence of people.  
**qaanii** *n* embarrassment, shame or mortification *diina yartuu dhaan moowamuun qaanii dha* It is shame to be defeated by a fewer number of enemies. **qaanoftuu** *adj* shy *intalli isaa qaanoftuu dha* His daughter is shy. See also *leeyya'uu*  
**qaaneffachuu** See *qaana'uu*  
**qaaneffamuu** See *qaana'uu*  
**qaanessuu** See *qaana'uu*  
**qaanii** See *qaana'uu*  
**qaanofsiisuu** Same as *qaanessuu* under *qaana'uu*  
**qaanoftuu** See *qaana'uu*  
**qaanqee** *n* spark from a burning substance **qaanqee buusuu** *iv* yell or shout at the top of one's voice *ni/in iyyee qaanqee buuse* He yelled or shouted at the top of his voice.  
**qaanquree** *adj* (usu of a boy) bright, brilliant, sharp, smart, or intelligent *gurbaa qanquree* a sharp boy; see also *gaanfuree*  
**qaantaa** Same as *qoonxaa*  
**qaanteetii** Same as *qaanqee*  
**qaanxessuu** *tv* split wood into thin slice  
**qaanxii** Same as *qeenxoo* (1)  
**qaanyaa** Same as *hidhata* under *hidhuu*  
**qaanya'uu** 1 (takes *walitti*) Same as *walitti hidhachuu* under *hidhuu*  
 2 Same as *qaana'uu*  
**qaanyii** Same as *qaanii* under *qaana'uu*

**qaaqaa** Same as *wadala* (1)  
**qaaqa'uu** *iv* (used of human head) 1 have or develop mange-like, scaly skin disease of the head characterized by loss of hair 2 (of certain crops) become sparse, begin to sprout on the ground very sparsely *daagujjaan koo ni/in qaaqa'e* My millet crop has become sparse. **qaaqee** *adj*, *n* 1 skin disease of the scalp characterized by loss of hair 2 of a person with this disease  
**qaaqee** See *qaaqa'uu*  
**qaaqoftuu** Same as **qaaqee** (2) under *qaaqa'uu*  
**qaaqqarraawuu** *iv* be mature and tough  
**qaaqqisuu** Same as *kaakkisuu* (1)  
**qaaqsuu** Same as *qaaquu*  
**qaaqumee** Same as *qaammee*  
**qaaquu** *iv* chatter; prattle, tattle; be talkative and boring *natti hin qaaqin* Don't talk too much to me and make me bored.  
**qaaraa** *n* green chilli  
**qaardaa** *adj* 1 Same as *qaaridaa* 2 defective  
**qaaridaa** *n* stretcher; litter, i.e., a couch for carrying invalid persons or corpses on men's shoulders *qaaridaa dhaan mana hakiimiitti isa fidan* They brought him to the hospital on a stretcher/litter.  
**qaarisuu** See *qaari'uu*  
**qaari'uu** *iv* 1 cross over a mountain, etc.; pass over sth and fall on the other side *eeboon inni darbata mana arra qaari'ee nu*

*ajjeesee oole* The spear he threw passed over the roof and almost killed us. **2** come over *bor gama keenyatti hin qaarituu?* Won't you come over to our place tomorrow? **qaarisuu** *tv* make to cross/pass over sth *eeboo darbatee mana arra qaarise* He threw a spear and made it pass over a roof.

**qaarmii** *n* grain accidentally left in a harvest field, usu recovered by gleanining

**qaarruu** Same as *kaarruu*

**qaarsisuu** Same as *qaarisuu*

**qaaruu** *n* the inside of the mouth corresponding to the cheek; also the part of the body around the ear **qaaruu keessaa baasuu** *tv* **1** hit or slap real good **2** dispose of or sell *sangaa koo qaaruu isaa keessaa baaseen dhufe* I sold my ox and came. **qaaruu nama nyaachu** *iv* (of food) be very delicious *irbaati har'aa qaaruu nama nyaata* Today's dinner is very delicious.

**qaata** *adv* long time ago *qaata deeme* He left long time ago. *qaata fuudhe* He got married long time ago.

**qaataa** *n* trigger

**qaawa** Same as *qaayaa* under *qaawuu*

**qaawuu** *iv* (usu of walls or roofs) have a hole or gap in *kabaan kun asiin qaayeera* This wall has a hole in it here. **qaayaa** *adj, n* **1** chink or hole, usu in a ceiling or wall *manni kun qaayaa sanaan*

*dhimmisa* This ceiling leaks through that hole. *ijoon mana isaa qaayaa qaba* The roof of his house has a chink in it. **2** hollow, i.e., with empty space inside *muki qaayaan kun maal sii godha* What good does this hollow wood do (for you)? **qooftuu** *adj, n* hollow; have a hole in *qorqorroon kun qooftuu dha*. This tin has a hole in it.

**qaawwa** *n* **1** shortage of food/money *namichi kun qaawwa qaba* This man has a problem of money/food. **2** loophole

**qaawwaa** *n* **1** Same as *buna* **2** Same as *qaayaa* (2) under *qaawuu*

**qaaxillaa** *n* **1** watch tower usu built in the center of crops (like corn and sorghum) for sitting on and for protecting the crop from birds and other wild animals **2** high bed

**qaaxiraa** Same as *gurjaa* under *gurjaawuu*

**qaaxinii** *n* eave

**qaayaa** See *qaawuu*

**qaayidaa** *adv* in a way

**qabaa** See *qabuu*

**qabaachuu** *tv* **1** have, own, or possess *sangaa meeqa qaba?* How many oxen does he have/own? *afaan malee sammuus humnas hin qabanu* Except sharp tongue, they don't have both the brains and the brawn. **2** contain; be with or be without *bunni kun shukkaara hin qabu* This coffee is without sugar, i.e., it does not have sugar in it. **3** matter, i.e., be

of importance *maal qaba?* What does it matter? *humaa hin qabu* It doesn't matter at all. **qabeenya** *n* possession, riches, or wealth *qabeenyi isaa isaaf malee anaa maal godha?* His wealth is good for himself. What good does it do me? **qabeenya walittii** *n* common property or common wealth, i.e., a property or an animal that two or more people own together **qabeessa** *adj* (of male) wealthy or rich **qabeettii** *adj* (of female) wealthy or rich **qabiisa** *n* what a person has, e.g. wealth

**qabachuu** See *qabuu*

**qabamuu** See *qabuu*

**qabannaa** *n* evidence

**qabannoo** *n* handle of cups, baskets, kettle, etc.; see also *gurraa* (4)

**qabarachoo** Same as *qabarichoo*

**qabarichoo** *n* a plant the root of which is used as medicine and for fumigating, usu a delivery room

**qabata** *n* excuse, i.e., a pretext or subterfuge; see also *qabachuu* (11) under *qabuu*

**qabattoo** See *qabuu*

**qabbajja** *adj* cold

**qabbana** See *qabbanaawuu*

**qabbanaawuu** *iv* 1 be/become cool, i.e., be between warm and cold *bunni koo baay'ee na duraa qabbanaaye* My coffee is too cool to drink *aduun qabbanaayeera* The weather (lit the sun) has cooled. 2 cool down/off; become calm,

usu after being angry *ammaaf aariin isaa qabbanaayeeraaf* For the time being, his anger has cooled off. **qabbana** *n* shade; shadow or partial darkness *galgala qabbana* cool evening *qabbana mukaa jala taa'i* Sit under the shade of a tree.

**qabbana argachuu** *iv* get a respite from turmoil, toil, etc., get peace *eegan namicha kanatti eerumee asi qabbana argadhee* him/im beeku Ever since I married this man, I have never had peace. **qabbanaayaa** *adj* 1 cold, i.e., of low temperature, usu applies to water *bishaan*

*qabbanaayaa* cold water 2 [(fig) of beer, liquor] weak **qabbana buufachuu** *iv* wait or rest until the heat of the day subsides *buna dhugee, qabana buufatee deeme* He drank coffee, rested until the heat subsided, and left.

**qabbaneeffachiisuu** *tv* relieve; make sb/sth rest *atis*

*qabbaneeffadhu; qotiyyoos*

*qabbaneeffachiisi* You rest and also let the yoke of oxen rest for a

while. **qabbaneeffachuu** *iv, tv* 1 rest *taa'ii qabbaneeffadhu* Sit down and rest. 2 cool down/off *hin aarin qabbaneeffadhu* Cool down;

don't be angry. 3 cool, i.e., make one's food, drink, etc., cool *buna kee qabbaneeffadhuu dhugi* Cool your coffee and then drink it.

**qabbaneessuu** *tv* 1 make cool *buna kana naa qabbaneessi* Cool this coffee for me. 2 pacify, mollify, apply sth down until it

cools down/off *dubbii kana qabbaneessaa* Play this hot issue down. **qabbanooftuu** *adj* 1 (of a place) cool *iddoo qabbanooftuu* a cool place *eelee qabbanooftuu* a cool griddle, i.e., not heated properly 2 (of female humans) well-mannered; cool, i.e., not excited *niitii qabbanooftuu* a cool, well-mannered woman

**qabbanaawaa** Same as *qabbanaayaa* under *qabbanaawuu*

**qabbanaayaa** See *qabbanaawuu*

**qabbaneeffachiisuu** See *qabbanaawuu*

**qabbaneeffachuu** See *qabbanaawuu*

**qabbaneessuu** See *qabbanaawuu*

**qabbanoo** Same as *qabbana* under *qabbanaawuu*

**qabbanooftuu** See *qabbanaawuu*

**qabdii** See *qabuu*

**qabdoo** 1 sweetheart, *usu* a girl that a boy friend kisses; date, i.e., companion of the other sex 2. Same as *dhungoo* under *dhungachuu* 3 appointment, *usu* the day a request for marriage proposal is to be accepted or rejected

**qabduu** See *qabuu*

**qabee**<sup>1</sup> *n* 1 calabash or gourd 2 calabash cup or glass, i.e., drinking vessel made of gourd *qabeetti ha dhugu* Let him drink out of a gourd cup. 3 pumpkin

**qabee**<sup>2</sup> *prep* from, i.e., beginning or starting from *Goree dhaa qabee amma jimmaatti ammam?* How far is it from Gore to Jimmaa?

**qabeenna** Same as *qabeenya* under *qabaachuu*

**qabeenya** See *qabaachuu*

**qabeessa** See *qabaachuu*

**qabeettii** See *qabaachuu*

**qabiisa** See *qabaachuu*

**qabirii** Same as *awwaala* (1) under *awwaaluu*

**qabiyyee** *n* holding, *usu* land

**qabsiifachuu** See *qabuu*

**qabsiisachuu** Same as *qabsiifachuu* under *qabuu*

**qabsiisuu** See *qabuu*

**qabsoo** *n* wrestling; struggle; see also *wal'aansoo*

**qabuu** *tv* 1 hold (with the hand, arm, etc.,) *mee eeboo kana naa qabi* Hold this spear for me, please. 2 catch, seize, or capture *hattuu qabanii dullaa hin gaafatanu* (saying) One does not catch a thief and also hesitate whether to beat him/her up or not (one should beat him/her up black and blue)! 3 contract, catch, or develop a disease *dhukkuba hin fayyinetu na qabe* I developed an incurable disease. *mucaa koo-utaallootu qabe* My child caught a cold. 4 help babies, invalid persons, etc., drink by bringing a cup closer to the mouth *mucaatti aannan qabi* Help the baby drink the milk (by bringing the cup closer to its mouth). 5 hold sth near fire *kittaa jiidhaa kana abiddatti qabi* Hold this wet shirt near the fire. 6 move or put sth in a different position *arka kee asi qabi* Move your hand this way

(so that I can examine it). *eeboo*  
*kee achi narraa (na arraa) qabi*  
 Move your spear away from me.  
 7 (in football) cover an opponent  
*ati isa sana qabi* You cover that  
 one. **afaaniin qabachuu** *tv* 1  
 taste *ittoon akka soogidda qabu*  
*afaaniin qabadhuu ilaali* Taste the  
 stew and check/see if it has salt  
 in it. 2 eat (used when what is  
 offered is very small) *qixxattii*  
*dhuma kana afaaniin qabadhuu*  
*deemi* Eat this small bread and  
 go. **gadi qabuu** *iv* (takes *sagalee*)  
 drop one's voice; whisper *sagalee*  
*kee gadi qabii dubbadhu* Drop your  
 voice and talk. **qabaa** *n* 1 grip  
*qabaa isaa keessaa bawuun daxxabe*  
 I could not free myself from his  
 grip. 2 measure of land, i.e.,  
 ground that is marked off on a  
 farm to be plowed/weeded at a  
 time *qabaa lama aramnee aara*  
*galfanna* We will weed two  
 marked off plots and rest. 3  
 Same as *qadaada* (2) under  
*qadaaduu* **qabaa arkaa** *n* handful;  
 see also *ammaarrii* under  
*ammaaruu* **qabaa guutuu** Same  
 as *qabaa arkaa* above **qabachuu** *tv*  
 1 set or fruit *barana kookiin koo*  
*baay'ee qabateera* My peach tree  
 has set well this year. 2 (of  
 beans, peas, chilli plants, chick-  
 peas, etc.,) pod up, i.e., form  
 pods *shunburaan koo barana*  
*bayeessee qabate* My chick-peas  
 have podded up well this year. 3  
 (of transplanted cuttings,  
 nursery plants, or young trees)

root or take root, i.e., begin to  
 grow *chigiinyiin buna isaa*  
*qabateera* His transplanted young  
 coffee plants have taken root. 4  
 carry or have with one *gaaf*  
*hundumaa ulee qabata* He always  
 carries a walking stick with him.  
 5 pounce on, i.e., make a sudden  
 attack on prey *cululleen cuucii*  
*indaagqoo lama qabatte* A hawk  
 pounced on two chicks. 6 (used  
 of fire) catch, i.e., begin to burn  
*qoraan kun dafee hin qabatu* This  
 firewood does not catch  
 quickly/fast. 7 occupy or hold a  
 position; preempt *diinni keenya*  
*biyya keenya qabate* Our enemy  
 occupied our country. *iddoo kana*  
*anatu si dura qabatee ka'i* I had  
 occupied this place (seat, etc.,)  
 before you did; get up. 8 dye,  
 i.e., take color from dyeing  
*ansoosillaan iseen arkatti dibatte*  
*hin qabanneef* The henna she  
 applied to her hands did not dye  
 well for her. 9 circumsized (takes  
*dhanna*) *dhanna qabateeraa?* Is he  
 circumsized? (See also *dhanna*  
*qabachuu*) 10 touch with the hand  
*arkaan hin qabatin* Don't touch it  
 with your hand. 11 give or make  
 invented excuse to defend or  
 explain one's behavior  
*dhukkubattii qabatee rafaa oolte*  
 She gave illness as an excuse and  
 slept all day. 12 (of female  
 animals) conceive; become  
 pregnant *sa'i koo rimaa qabatteetti*  
 My cow has become pregnant.  
 13 hold sb up, i.e., delay *haasaa*



*dhaan na qabatte* I was held up by her conversation. **14** adhere to, as does glue, paste, etc., *qubatti na qabate* It stuck to my finger. **qabamuu** *tv* (passive) be captured, caught, or seized *hattuun sangaa qabameera* The ox thief has been captured. **qabattoo** *n* **1** belt worn round the waist to hold/keep pants, weapon, etc., in place **2** reins **qabdii** *n* **1** collateral guarantee, pawn, or security, i.e., sth valuable given as a pledge for money borrowed *warqee koo qabdii kenneen birri kudhan liqeeffadhe* I pawned my gold and borrowed ten birri. **2** a down payment *birri kudhan qabdii kaffalii fudhu isa hafe booddee kaffaltaa* Pay ten birri down and take it; you will pay the remaining later on. **qabduu** *n* pincers, tongs, or vice, usu used for holding fire **qabsiifachuu** *tv* **1** light for self *sijaaraa qabsiifatee xuuxuu jalqabe* He lighted a cigarette and started to smoke. **2** pawn for self *warqee isee qabsiifattee birri dhibba liqeeffatte* She pawned her gold and borrowed one hundred birri. **qabsiisuu** *tv* **1** start a fire or light a cigarette, lamp, etc.; cause to give out light *abidda/kurraasii/sijaaraa qabsiisi* Light the fire, kerosene lamp, cigarette, etc., **2** pawn *warqee isee qabsiifte birri liqeeffatte* She pawned her gold and borrowed money. **3**

(usu of illness) communicate or transmit *utaalloo isee na qabsiifte* She gave me her cold.

**qaqqabachuu** *tv* touch sth repeatedly to examine if it is soft or rough *waan sana qaqqabadhuu ilaali laafaa dha moo saakaraa dha?* Touch that thing; is it smooth or is it rough?

**qacaa** *n* thatch, i.e., straw, tall grass, etc., used for roofing

**qacaacaluu** *n* a kind of tree

**qacaasisuu** See *qaca'uu*

**qacacullee** *n* pebble

**qacacuu** *iv* drizzle *eda qacacaa bule* Last night, it was drizzling all night.

**qacalee** **1** Same as *xobbee* **2** Same as *qaxalee*

**qacama** *n* kind of plant the rind of which is used for making rope

**qacam gochuu** Same as *qucum gochuu*

**qacara** See *qacaruu*<sup>2</sup>

**qacaruu**<sup>1</sup> *tv* act as a broker, middleman, or an agent, i.e., bring buyer and seller together *sangaa koo gurguruu barbaadeen nama naa qacaru dhabe* I wanted to sell my ox, but I could not find a broker. **2** hire *waan na qacarte sitti fakkaatee?* Do you think you hired me (that you boss me around)?

**qacaruu**<sup>2</sup> *tv* make a firm, binding agreement or contract with sb **qacara** *n* agreement of contract *qacara hin hilin; qacarii hili* (saying) Be strict about terms of a contract; relax afterwards.

**qaca'uu** *tv* 1 (used of animals) tread or walk on crop and eat/ruin it *sa'i boqqoloo koo qacaate* The cattle ruined my corn (by walking on it, eating it). 2 (fig) [usu of children] walk on sb that is lying down and play *mucaan kun na qaca'a* This child is walking on me (for fun). 3 Same as *meesuu qacaasisuu* *tv* cause to walk on crop, etc., *sa'a isaa midhaan koo qacaasise* He made his cattle walk on my crop and ruin it.

**qaccee**<sup>1</sup> *n* 1 whip, usu made by twisting fiber *qaccee xaaxesse* He cracked a whip. 2 breed, i.e., kind of animals *qacceen sa'a kanaa baay'ee beekamaa dha*. This breed of cow is very well known. Also a group of people with common ancestor, culture, language, etc.,; heredity 3 initial investment, i.e., the first link in a chain of one's property, usu livestock *sa'i kun qaccee oolaa kootiiti* In the chain of animal property I now possess, this cow is a result of the initial investment which happened to be a sheep, i.e., I started by breeding a sheep and I was able to own a cow by selling the offspring of my sheep.

**qaccee**<sup>2</sup> Same as *qabattoo* (1) under *qabuu*

**qaccee**<sup>3</sup> Same as *qaaraa*

**qaceeloo** Same as *qaceelloo*

**qacee** *adj* (usu of sorgo) thin

**qaceelchuu** Same as *qajeelchuu* under *qajeeluu*<sup>1</sup>

**qaceelloo** Same as *qajeeltu* under *qajeeluu*<sup>1</sup>

**qaceeluu** Same as *qajeeluu*<sup>1</sup>

**qachioo** *n* elixir of love, i.e., a preparation believed to make sb fall in love with a man or woman

**qaciicaa** Same as *qiciicaa*

**qacinee** *n* wool *qacinee uffata* He wears a woolen suit.

**qacoo** *n* cut up firewood

**qadaada** See *qadaaduu*

**qadaada jilbaa** *n* kneecap or the patella

**qadaadamuu** See *qadaaduu*

**qadaaddachuu** See *qadaaduu*

**qadaaddii** Same as *qadaada* under *qadaaduu*

**qadaaddoo** Same as *qadaada* under *qadaaduu*

**qadaaduu** *tv* cap or cover, i.e., place or put a cap or lid at the top of a container *maanqorqoraa qadaaddee?* Have you/ Has she put the lid on the kettle?  
*xaarmushii qadaadi* Cap the bottle.

**qadaada** *n* 1 lid or bottle cap  
*qadaada diftii* lid of sauce pan  
**qadaadamuu** *tv* (passive) be capped or covered by lid 2 gourd vessel for holding milk  
**qadaaddachuu** *tv* cap or put a lid on by self

**qadada** Same as *qadaada* under *qadaaduu*

**qadhabaa** See *qadhabuu*

**qadhabuu** *tv* hold or pick up with pincers, tongs, etc., *abidda*

*qadhabe* He picked up fire with tongs. **qadhabaa** *n* pincers or tongs; see also *qabduu* under *qabu*

**qadiida** Same as *cimaa* under *cimuu*

**qadiidaa** *n* olive-like tree used for scenting or giving, usu milk utensils sweet smell

**qadoo** *adj* 1 usu of an animal with just one color, e.g., pure black or pure white *sangaa gur'aacha qadoo bite* He bought a black ox. 2 weak and worthless *yoo kormi dhibe qadootu moowa* In the absence of a strong bull, a weak one reigns

**qafee** Same as *qafii*

**qafii** a labor agreement or contract between an owner of a yoke of oxen and a man (without one) who agrees to plow once for himself after plowing twice for the owner *qafii naa qota* He plows, using my yoke of oxen, two-third of the plowing season for me and one-third of that time for himself.

**qajeela** See *qajeeluu*<sup>1</sup>

**qajeelaa** See *qajeeluu*

**qajeelchuu** See *qajeeluu*<sup>1</sup>

**qajeelfachuu** See *qajeeluu*<sup>1</sup>

**qajeeloo** Same as *qajeeltu* under *qajeeluu*<sup>1</sup>

**qajeeltoo** See *qajeeluu*<sup>1</sup>

**qajeeltu** See *qajeeluu*<sup>1</sup>

**qajeeluu**<sup>1</sup> *iv, tv* 1 be/become straightened, i.e., of sth twisted, bent, or curved *uleen kun hin qajeelle* This stick is not

straightened, i.e., it is still crooked. 2 be/become straight, i.e., be in a proper position *baarneexaan kee hin qajeelle* Your hat is not on straight. 3 (used of a person) be corrected and behave well after being crooked *amma qajeeleera; akka durii miti*. Now he behaves well; he is not what he used to be. **qajeela** *adv, n* straightness, i.e., directness or candidness; straight *qajeela qabi* Hold it straight. *qajeelaan deemi* Walk properly. **qajeelaa** *adj* (usu of an object considered big) straight *muka qajeelaa* a straight, big tree **qajeelchuu** *adv, tv* 1 straighten *shiboo kana qajeelchi* Straighten this wire. 2 put sth in proper order *wayyaa kee qajeelchii achi kaayi* Arrange your clothes in order and put them there. 3 thoroughly or properly *har'a galgala ilma koo qajeelcheen adaba* I will discipline my son properly this evening. **qajeelfachuu** *tv* straighten for self *qawwee qajeelfadheen dhukaase* I straightened my gun and fired. **qajeeltoo** *n* frank and straightforward person **qajeeltu** *adj* 1 (of an object considered diminutive) straight, i.e., not crooked *muka qajeeltu* a small, straight tree 2 (usu of small children) well-behaved; honest or candid *intala/gurbaa qajeeltu* a well-behaved girl/boy **qaqqajeelchuu** *tv* put furniture, etc., in order *keessummaa wajjinin*

*dhufaa barcuma qaqqajeelchi na eegi*  
I will be coming with guests, so  
put the chairs in order and wait  
for me.

**qajeeluu**<sup>2</sup> *iv* go; go away *asiin*  
*qajele* He went this way.  
*qajeleera; hin qaqqabdu* He has  
gone very far; you can't catch up  
with him.

**qajimaa** *n* a kind of tree

**qajiisa** Same as *qajjiisa*

**qajjiisa** *n* a single strand of, usu  
human hair; thread

**qajjisa** Same as *qajjiisa*

**qakee** Same as *gumaa* (1)

**qakkee** See *qakkisuu*

**qakkisuu** *iv* cough with shrill,  
wheezy, or whooping sound  
*namni dhukkuba sombaa qabu ali*  
*ni/in qakkisa* A person with  
tuberculosis (TB) or  
consumption coughs a lot  
occasionally. **qakkee** *n* shrill,  
wheezy or whooping cough

**qala** See *qaluu*

**qalaa**<sup>1</sup> See *qaluu*

**qalaa**<sup>2</sup> *n* 1 stubble *qalaatu quba*  
*miillaa na waraane* A stubble  
pricked my toe. 2 Same as  
*murxuxxee* under *murxuxxee-*  
*ssuu*

**qal'aa** Same as **qallaa** under  
*qallachuu*

**qalaadii** *n* measure of land, about  
40 hectares

**qalaamaa** *n* mare *farda isaatti*  
*qalaama tokko dabalate* He added  
one mare to his existing horses;  
see also *ganyaa*

**qalachuu** See *qaluu*

**qalama** *n* 1 Same as *qalamii* (1) 2 a  
bamboo with a slit on the  
tapering end used as a pen for  
writing or drawing

**qalamee** *n* capuchin monkey, i.e.,  
small, tawny monkey; vervet

**qalamii** *n* 1 ink 2 paint; nail-  
varnish or polish; lipstick

**qalamshiisha** Same as *gundoo*

**qalaqalaa** *adj* (usu of male  
humans) indolent

**qalawwee** *adj* usu of sheep or goat  
with white stripe around the  
waist

**qalaxoo** *n* usu dough that has not  
undergone fermentation;  
unleavened

**qalayaa** *n* cartridge case or empty  
shell

**qalbeefachuu** *tv* comprehend,  
note well, pay close attention, or  
understand carefully *waan an*  
*sitti himu qalbeeffadhu* Pay  
attention to what I tell you.

**qalbii** *n* 1 senses, i.e., normal  
state of mind *qalbii hin qabdu* She  
is out of her senses. 2 sense, i.e.,  
practical wisdom or judgement  
*dubbiin hin galuuf; qalbii hin qabu*  
He cannot understand; he lacks  
sense 3 care, i.e., serious  
attention or thought *burcuqqoo*  
*kana qalbiin qabi* Hold this glass  
with care. *qalbii dhaan*  
*dhaggeeffadhu* Listen carefully.

**qalbii dhabuu** *iv* be crazy,  
insane, lunatic or mad **qalbi-**  
**dhabeessa** *adj* (of males)  
imprudent, thoughtless, or  
unwise **qalbi-dhabeettii** *adj* (of

females) imprudent, unwise, or thoughtless **qalbii nama butuu** *tv* cause to lose one's senses/head; make go off one's head; forget *maaltu qalbii isa bute?* What made him lose his head? **qalbii nama fuuchuu** *tv* cause to forget; cause to lose one's head/senses *gidduu kana maaltu akkana qalbii na fuudha laata?* What is it that makes me forget easily these days? See also **qalbii nama butuu** above **qalbi qabeessa** *adj* (of male humans) thoughtful i.e., careful in what he says, does, etc., **qalbi qabeetti** *adj* (of females) careful and thoughtful

**qalbifachuu** Same as *qalbeeffachuu*

**qalbii** See *qalbeeffachuu*

**qalbii dabrsuu** Same as *qalbii dhabuu* under *qalbeeffachuu*

**qalbii darbuu** Same as *qalbii dhabuu* under *qalbeeffachuu*

**qalbisuu** *iv, tv* **1** covet or desire *hori namaa qalbise* He coveted other people's money. **2** think thoroughly before acting or before saying sth

**qaldii** See *qalladuu*

**qaliinsa** Same as *maallima* (2)

**qali'isuu** Same as *qallisuu* under *qallachuu*

**qal'ina** Same as *qallina* under *qallachuu*

**qaljii** *adj, n* **1** (of land) fertile *lafa gonnaa qaljii* fertile farmland **2** rich, top soil

**qallaa**<sup>1</sup> See *qallachuu*

**qallaa**<sup>2</sup> *n* discharge from the organ of a female animal

**qallachuu** *iv* **1** (applies to liquid or semi-liquid, or things) be/become thin, i.e., be watery or weak *bukoon/farsoon kun ni/in qallate* This dough/beer is thin/weak. **2** (used of animals, humans, or things) be/become thin, i.e., having small diameter *ni/in qallatte malee miidhagduu dha* She is thin; otherwise, she is beautiful. *funyoon kun ni/in qallate an isa hin barbaadu* This rope is thin; I don't want it.

**qallaa** *adj, n* **1** (usu of liquid or semi-liquid) thin, i.e., watery or weak *muka/buna qallaa* thin/weak wood/coffee **2** thinly woven cotton thread used as warp *qallaa malee boffeen duwwaan qamisii hin ta'u* Weft alone without warp won't make a dress. **qallina** *n* thinness; weakness **qallisiiisuu** *tv* cause to be thin or weak **qallisuu** *tv* (used of liquid or semi-liquid) make thin or weak *farsoo kee maaliif akkana qallifte?* Why have you made your beer so weak? **2** (used of diameter) make thin *funyoon kee ni/in qallifte* You made your rope thin. **qalloo** *adj* (of diameter, liquid, semi-liquid) thin *ulee/farsoo qalloo* thin stick/weak beer *buna qalloo* weak coffee

**qalladuu** *iv* jest, joke, crack a joke, quip; make fun of sb *ni/in qalladdi* She is joking. *natti qallada*

He is playing a joke on me. **qaldii** *n* jest, humor, horseplay, or practical joke; see also *qoosuu* which is currently used

**qallee** Same as *qellee*

**qallina** See *qallachuu*

**qallisiisuu** See *qallachuu*

**qallisuu** See *qallachuu*

**qalloo** See *qallachuu*

**qalma** See *qaluu*

**qal'oo** Same as *qalloo* under *qallachuu*

**qalqala** See *qalqaluu*

**qalqalcha** *n* a kind of plant

**qalqalloo** Same as *qalqala* under *qalqaluu*

**qalqaluu** *iv* brag or lie very much *waanti inni sitti hime dhugaa miti; ni/in qalqale* What he told you is not true; he lied. **qalqala** *adj, n 1* a large, skin bag or sack **2** arrant liar, boastful, or braggart *namichi kun qalqala* This man is boastful/liar. **3** of a person who eats a lot **qalqala maruu** *tv* finish what one has and become needy/poor (lit roll up a grain bag after finishing its contents) *qalqala maruu fi galgala baduu, waaq nama ha oolchu* May God save one from poverty in the eve of one's life

**qaluu** *tv 1* slaughter or butcher animals for food, i.e., by cutting their throats *korma qalanii?* Did they slaughter a bull? **2** (used of coffee beans) roast, usu without removing the shell, in fresh butter, salt, and other spices *buna qalteettii?* Has she roasted

coffee beans? **3** (fig) dupe, fool, hoodwink, or take advantage of sb *nu hunduma qale* He fooled all of us. **4** skin, i.e., remove the skin from a slaughtered animal *hoolaa kana arraa nama gogaa qalu barbaadaa* Find a person who would skin this slaughtered sheep? See also *gogaa arraa fuudhuu/baasuu* under *gogaa*<sup>2</sup>

**qala** *n* slaughtering *ani hoola qala him beeku inni isiniif ha qalu* I don't know how to slaughter a sheep; let him do it for you.

**qalaa** *adj* of a man who slaughters animals for food

**qalachuu** *tv* slaughter or butcher for self *hoolaa qalateera* He has slaughtered a sheep for self.

**qalma** *adj, n 1* sacrifice, i.e., immolation or killing of animals as an offering to deity *ayyaanni isee qalma bare* Her guardian spirit is used to sacrifices. **2** animal bred or kept for food as opposed to animals kept for breeding *hoolaa qalmaati moo horsiisuu dhaaf?* Is this sheep for slaughtering or is it for breeding? **3** (of coffee) roast *buna qalmaa qaamuun jaal'adha* I like to chew roast coffee.

**qalxaamessa** *adj* (usu of male humans) huge

**qamaacaa** See *qamaaca'uu*

**qamaaca'uu** *iv* (of human skin, usu the feet) become dirt-stained or soiled with dry dirty marks *miilli isaa ni/in qamaaca'e* His feet have stained with dirt.

**qamaacaa** *n* dirty stains on human feet *qamaacaa kee dhiqadhu* Wash off the dirt/stain on your feet **qamaaccessuu** *tv* cause the feet to be stained with dirt **qamaacoftuu** *adj* of a person with dirty stains on the feet **qamaaccaa** Same as *qamaacaa* under *qamaaca'uu*  
**qamaaccessuu** See *qamaaca'uu*  
**qamaacoftuu** See *qamaaca'uu*  
**qamaaxrii** *n* 1 snare or trap 2 (fig) cunning person  
**qamadii** *n* wheat grain or crop  
**qamahuu** Same as *qamuu*<sup>2</sup>  
**qamalee** Same as *qalamee*  
**qamaxxee** *n* 1 Same as *maxxannee* under *maxxanuu* 2 a kind of tree  
**qambaa gochuu** Same as *qambaa godhuu*  
**qambaa godhuu** *tv* (takes the various forms of *cabsuu*) smash; break sth with noise *uuroo koo qambaa godhee na duraa cabse* He smashed my jar.  
**qambaa jechuu** *iv* break into fragments *uuroon koo qambaa jedhee cabe* My jar broke into pieces.  
**qambara** Same as *qambarrii*  
**qambarrii** *n* 1 yoke; see also *waanjoo* 2 yoke of oxen *sangaa qambarrii lama qabdi* She has two yoke of oxen.  
**qam gochuu** *tv* 1 catch; seize real fast *hattichi utuu fiiguu qam godhee qabe* He caught the thief real fast while he [the thief] was running. 2 swallow before chewing properly

**qamisii** *n* dress or skirt  
**qammana** 1 Same as *areera* 2 dirty cream that sticks to the inside of milk utensils; see also *kammanuu* for further details.  
**qammanaa** *adj* of curdled and spoiled milk *aannan qammanaa* spoiled milk  
**qammanuu** Same as *kammanuu*  
**qammooddaa** Same as *qimmiiddaa* under *qimmiiduu*  
**qammooduu** Same as *qimmiiduu*  
**qammoona** *n* a kind of plant with pungent smelling leaves; see also *kammoona*  
**qamphara** Same as *qambarrii*  
**qamuxxee** Same as *axaarii*  
**qamxal gochuu** *tv* cut real fast and almost with one blow *damee muka sanaa qamxal godhee lafa buuse* He cut the branch of that tree with one blow and let it fall  
**qanani'aa** See *qanansiisuu*  
**qananii** See *qanansiisuu*  
**qananiisuu** Same as *qanansiisuu*  
**qanansiifamuu** See *qanansiisuu*  
**qanansiisuu** *tv* coddle, cosset, molly, or pamper *ilma isaa baay'ee qanansiisa* He pampers his son a lot, in fact too much.  
**qanani'aa** *adj* (usu of male humans) pampered *gurbaan qanani'aan kun kan eenyuuti?* Whose son is this pampered boy? **qananii** *adj* (of a person) pampered or spoiled *mucaan qananii dafee rakko him/im baru* A pampered or spoiled child will not get/be used to hardships

easily. **qanansiifamuu** *tv* (passive) be pampered  
**qancara** See *qancaruu*  
**qancaree**<sup>1</sup> See *qancaruu*  
**qancaree**<sup>2</sup> *n* a kind of plant of the cactus family  
**qancarree** Same as *qancaree*<sup>2</sup>  
**qancarsiisuu** See *qancaruu*  
**qancartuu** See *qancaruu*  
**qancaruu** *iv* 1 be mature, i.e., be undersized though one is very advanced in years; be stunted in one's growth *mucaan kun qancareera* This child is mature though he/she looks too small for his/her advanced age. 2 be cooked well or all the way through; (used of food) be well done **qancara** *adj* 1 (of male) stunted but advanced in age *gurbaa qancara* a mature boy who looks too small for his advanced age 2 well cooked, i.e., cooked all the way through **qancaree** *adj* extremely old *ilkaan koo foon indaaqqoo qancaree hin danda'u* an old chicken's meat is too tough for my teeth. **qancarsiisuu** *tv* cause to be old; cause to be cooked properly until it is tender or soft **qancartuu** (of a person) stunted; mature *intala qancartuu* a mature girl who looks too small for her advanced age  
**qaniinkaa** *n* an ant-like insect that bites and frustrates, usu cattle  
**qannoo** *n* happiness, luxury, prosperity, or wealth *qannoo dhaan jiraata* He leads a happy, prosperous life.

**qanqalloo** Same as *qalqala* under *qalqaluu*  
**qanqarreessaa** *n* a crawling earthworm believed to have fifty legs  
**qanxaba** Same as *qanxabbi* under *qanxabuu*  
**qanxabachuu** See *qanxabuu*  
**qanxabamuu** See *qanxabuu*  
**qanxabbi** See *qanxabuu*  
**qanxabsiisuu** See *qanxabuu*  
**qanxabuu** *tv* sell sth by retail, i.e., sell goods in small quantities instead of wholesale *ni/in qanxabdi moo jilmaa gurgurti?* Does she sell her goods by retail or by wholesale? **qanxabachuu** *tv* retail for self **qanxabamuu** *tv* (passive) be retailed **qanxabbi** *n* retails **qanxabsiisuu** *tv* cause to buy or sell by retail  
**qanxal gochuu** Same as *qamxal gochuu*  
**qanxallaa** *n* a wild plant the leaf of which is eaten as cabbage  
**qanxarroo** *n* loin, i.e., meat from a lamb's lower part of the back  
**qanxuu** *adj* 1 active, diligent, and intelligent 2 usu of a woman who is an excellent homemaker  
**qanyee** *adj* of a crying and telltale child  
**qanyiita** *n* thin rope or strand of hair  
**qanyisuu** *iv* be angry  
**qanyuur** *n* a variety of ant  
**qa'oo** Same as *kattaa* (1)  
**qaphoo** *n* tough root that is notorious for blocking plowshare when plowing is in progress



**qaqaa** See *qaqaawuu*

**qaqaawuu** *iv* (used of a ceiling, wall, or anything exposed to smoke) be covered or stained with soot **qaqaa** *n* soot, left on ceilings, walls, etc., **qaqaa fuudhuu/ godhachuu/ nyaachuu** Same as *qaqaawuu*

**qaqal'ii** Same as *xobbootii*

**qaqallii** *n* 1 slender sticks used as building materials for walls of a house, fence, etc., 2 young female or male goats

**qaqal'uu** *n* young, female goat

**qaqam gochuu** *tv* swallow (without chewing) *jawween jabbii* *qaqam godhee liqimse jedha* He says, "The python swallowed a calf."

**qaqamuu** See *qaquu*

**qaqag gochuu** *tv* cause sth to crackle

**qaqagii** *n* crackling sound

**qaqag jechuu** *iv* crackle

**qaqagsuu** Same as *qaqag jechuu*

**qaqaroo** Same as *qararoo*

**qaqawwee** See *qaqawwisuu*

**qaqawweessa** Same as *qaqawwee* (1)

**qaqawweessa'uu** Same as *qaqawwisuu*

**qaqawwisuu** *iv* thunder

**qaqawwee** *n* 1 thunder 2 Same as *goraa*

**qaqawwii** Same as *goraa*

**qaqqaalii** *n* sth that is priceless or invaluable *Loltuun keenya*

*wareegama qaqqaalii baasaniiru*

Our fighters have made priceless (e.g., life) sacrifices.

**qaqqaammachiisuu** See

*qaqqaammachuu*

**qaqqaammachuu** *iv* 1 warm oneself by the fire *kottuu abidda qaqqaammadhu* Come and warm yourself by the fire. 2 sun-bathe; warm oneself in the sunshine *aduu qaqqaammatu* They are warming themselves in the sunshine. **qaqqaammachiisuu** *tv* let sb warm himself, herself, themselves, etc., *achi siqii abidda na qaqqaammachiisi* Move away, and let me warm myself by the fire.

**qaqqabachuu** See *qabuu* and *qaqqabauu*

**qaqqabsiisuu** See *qaqqabuu*

**qaqqabuu** *iv* 1 make it, i.e., reach or be in time for *yoo ganamaan kaane ni/in qaqqabna* If we get up early in the morning, we can make it. 2 catch up with, *usu* applies to the catching up with sb who has gone far ahead *eega deemee tureera, ha ta'u malee yoo fiigde ni/in qaqqabda* It has been a long time since he left, but you can still catch up with him if you run. 3 be able to reach and take hold of sth by stretching or extending the arm *yoo qaqqabde hiixadhu fudhu* If you can reach it, stretch out your arm for it and take it. 4 be ready *irbaati qaqqabee?* Is dinner ready? 5 (of beer, crops, etc.) ferment or ripe and be ready to drink, eat, etc., *boqqolloon hin qaqqabne* The corn is not ripe, i.e., it's not ready to

eat. **qaqqabachuu** *tv* catch up with for self *fiigee qaqqaadheen birri itti kenne* I ran, caught up with him, and gave him the money. **qaqqabsiisuu** *tv* make ready as soon as possible *buna nan qaqqabsiisaa dhugii deemi* I will make the coffee ready soon; drink it and go.

**qaqqajeelchuu** See *qajeeluu*<sup>1</sup>

**qaquu** *tv* 1 parch freshly cut stick by exposing it to flame so that it becomes easy to straighten it or remove the rind *uleen yoo qaqaan dafee qunca'a* A stick is barked easily if parched on a flame 2 (of sunshine) parch, i.e., make hot and dry *aduun na qaqa oole* The strong sunshine was parching me all day. **qaqamuu** *tv* (passive) be parched by fire or by sunshine **qaqsiifachuu** *tv* cause sb to parch for self **qaqsiisuu** *tv* cause to parch

**qar** Same as *qeentee* (2)

**qara**<sup>1</sup> See *qaruu*

**qara**<sup>2</sup> *n* first-rate boiled coffee

**qara**<sup>3</sup> *adv* 1 never; not at all *qara isa him/im beeku* I don't know him at all. 2 in the first place *qara maa liqeessiteef бага si kaade* Why did you lend him in the first place? I'm glad he denied borrowing any money from you! 3 in the future *inni darbe darbeeraa qara ofi eegi; birri namaa hin liqeessin* Let bygones be bygones; in the future don't lend money to anybody. 5 far-away place *qara deeme* He went to a far-away

place. **qara jiraachuu** *iv* go to a far off place and settle there for good **qaratti qabuu** *tv* hold sth away from self *eeboo kee qaratti na irraa qabi* Hold your spear off me, i.e., prevent it from touching or hurting me.

**qara**<sup>4</sup> *adj* of a single ox without a working partner *qotiyyoo qindii lamaa fi qara qaba* He has two yoke of oxen and a single ox. See also *qeentee* (2)

**qaraa** *n* dry, juiceless sorghum stalk

**qaraacoo** name of a guardian spirit

**qaraan** expression that usu indicates change of mind; never mind *birri shan naa liqeessi; qaraan itti dhiisi* Lend me five birri, or never mind.

**qaraan baasuu** Same as *fiixaan baasuu* under *fiixaan bawuu*

**qaraan bawuu** Same as *fiixaan bawuu*

**qaraancaa** Same as *qamaacaa* under *qamaaca'uu*

**qaraanca'uu** Same as *majji baasuu* under *majji*

**qaraan gareessa** *n* a kind of worm

**qaraaruu** Same as *qararoo*

**qarabaa** *n* a small, home-made, pen-knife-like razor for shaving

**qarabaa boqqolloo** Same as *arraba boqqolloo* under *arraba*

**qarabaa suuqqachuu** *tv* (superstition) stick a small knife in the hair after giving birth to protect the mother and the baby

**qarabichoo** Same as *qabarichoo*

**qarabillee** *n* plant, the rind of which is used as rope  
**qara cabi!** (an expression used in cursing) may you die!  
**qara cabsuu** *tv* 1 break/ smash sth  
 2 Same as *tumuu* (2)  
**qara cabuu** *iv* be broken or smashed  
**qaracamuu** Same as *marachuu*  
**qarachuu** See *qaruu*  
**qarancaa** *n* a kind of tree  
**qara laphee** *n* 1 rib 2 chest, usu refers to the depression between human breasts  
**qaraqqabuu** *tv* sift, usu flour  
*daakuu boqqolloo qarqqabdi* She is sifting corn flour.  
**qararoo** *n* 1 a kind of tree 2 fiber of this tree used as rope  
**qarashiir** *n* stubble, i.e., remains of sorghum after being cut  
**qara'uu** *iv* learn or read; pray  
*kitaaba qaraati* She is reading a book.  
**qarawaa** *n* a large basket used for measuring or carrying grain; see also *guuboo*  
**qaraxa**<sup>1</sup> Same as *amaamota* (2)  
**qaraxa**<sup>2</sup> See *qaraxuu*  
**qaraxuu** *tv* 1 tax, i.e., exact a tax from *kanaaf birri meeqa si qaraxan* How much did they tax you for this? 2 levy tax *mi'a akkanaa hin qaraxanu* They do not levy a tax on such items. **qaraxa** *n* customs, duty, excise, impost, tariff, tax, or toll  
**qarbata** *n* large, leather bag usu used for carrying water; see also *qalqala* (1) under *qalqaluu*

**qarca** Same as *lootuu*  
**qarcaasa** See *qarcaasuu*  
**qarcaasaa** Same as *waraanaa*  
**qarcaasuu** *iv* (usu used of calves) suckle for too long and finish milk **qarcaasa** *n* sucking/ suckling for too long *saani kun qarcaasa hoosifti; kanaaf aannan him buune* This cow allows suckling for too long; that's why she doesn't have much milk; see also *hodhuu*  
**qarcabbaawuu** *iv* 1 (usu used of skin) be coarse, usu due to old age *dhanni isaa ni/in qarcabaaya* His skin is coarse 2 not done to a turn; not well done; not boiled/ fried properly *foon kun ni/in qarca-bbaaye* This meat is not well done.  
**qareessaa** *n* the piece or part that is cut off when a girl is circumcised  
**qarfaffuu** Same as *karfaffuu*  
**qariboo** *n* a variety of beer or *farsoo*  
**qarmaa** *n* 1 earring-like ornament women wear on their foreheads  
 2 Same as *biila* under *biiluu*  
**qarmaammee** *n* customs post or check- point; see also *keellaa* (1)  
**qarmammeettii** *adv* directly in front of *qarmammeettii aduu irraa hin taa'in* Don't sit facing the sun directly.  
**qarmii** Same as *qaarmii*  
**qarnachuu** *iv* be convenient; go well *yoo naa qarnate borin dhufa* If

it is convenient/If everything goes well, I will come tomorrow.

**qaroo n 1** partner, i.e., one of the two oxen that work together  
*sangaan koo qaroo hin qabu* My ox has no partner. See also *qeentee* (2) **2** intimate friend, usu of equal age *inni qaroo kooti* He is my intimate friend, and we are the same age. **3** pupil of an eye *qaroon kee ha jaamu!* May you be blind! **4** Same as *gamna* under *gamnoomuu*

**qarooma n** authority

**qarqaarsa** Same as *gargaarsa* under *gargaaruu*

**qarqaarsisuu** Same as *gargaarsisuu* under *gargaaruu*

**qarqaartuu** Same as *gargaartuu* under *gargaaruu*

**qarqaaruu** Same as *gargaaruu*

**qarqabuu** Same as *qirqabuu*

**qarqara n** edge, i.e., boundary of a surface; river bank *shiinii qarqara xarapheessa irra hin kaayin* Don't put the coffee cup on the edge of the table. *loon qarqara lagaa irra jiru* The cattle are on the edge of the river. **lafa qarqara n** the ends of the earth

**qarqarsaa** See *qarqarsuu*

**qarqarsuu tv 1** Same as *karkarsuu* **2** shake, usu a spindle up and down when spinning cotton into threads manually *calii qarqarsitee jirbi foote* She shook the spindle, off and on, while spinning cotton. **qarqarsaa n** the shaking of a spindle while spinning cotton

**qarraruu** Same as *calaluu*

**qarree n 1** a ring or tonsure-like hair-style of a young, unmarried, virgin girl left after shaving off hair just below the crown; see also *roggee 2* escarp/escarpment, i.e., a steep slope or high cliff *qarqara lagaa/*

*hallayyaa* edge of a river/cliff

**haadha manaa qarree** Same as

**niitii qarree n** the first wife, i.e., a girl who married a man the first time when she was virgin

**qarrummaa n** virginity *durbii atuu hin eerumin qarrummaa isee dhabuun qaanii ture* It used to be a shame for a girl to lose her virginity through sexual intercourse before marriage.

**qarreessa** See *qarreessuu*

**qarreessuu tv** adorn or decorate, usu the fringe or the border of *agalgilii* (see) **qarreessa n** fringe, edge, or border of sth, i.e., the part which is to be adorned or decorated

**qarriffaa n** a canine tooth or eyetooth

**qarrinfoo** Same as *qarriffaa*

**qarrummaa** See *qarree*

**qarruu adj, n 1** cream, i.e., milk fat that rises to the surface when milk is boiled **2** fresh milk; see also *ayeetuu 3* Same as *taliila*

**qarsaa n 1** flat rock, usu before it is detached from the earth's crust *daljeessi qarsaa irra taa'uu jaal'ata* A baboon likes to sit on a rock. **2** bone or whetstone

**qarsam gochuu** *tv* break, shatter, or smash sth violently and with sound *uuroo isee qarsam goote* She broke her jar. See also *qambaa godhuu*

**qarsam jechuu** *iv* be broken or shattered violently with sound *uuroon isee arkaa kufee qarsam jedhe* Her jar fell from her hand and broke. See also *qambaa jechuu*

**qarshaallaa** *n* a kind of dress

**qarshii** *n* dollar or money *qarshii lama* two dollars

**qarsiifachuu** See *qaruu*

**qarsiisuu** See *qaruu*

**qartee** *n* dwarf

**qartuu** Same as *kormee*

**qaruu** *tv* sharpen, hone, strop, or whet *irsaasii/albee qaraa jira* He is sharpening a pencil/knife. **qara** *adj, n 1* edge/sharpness *albeen koo qara hin qabu* My knife has no edge, i.e., it is dull. **2** intelligent or sharp *mucaa qara tokko qaba* He has a sharp child. **qara baasuu** *tv* forge metal until it becomes sharp enough for cutting, mowing, transfixing, etc., **qara bawuu** *iv* (used of metal) forged and become sharp *sibilli kun ammamuu yoo tuman qara hin bawu* No matter how hard it is forged, this metal will not be sharp. **qarachuu** *tv* sharpen or whet for self *eeboo isaa qaratee manaa baye* He sharpened his spear and left. **qara qabaachuu** *iv* (of things like knife, spear, sickle, etc.) be sharp; have edge

*eeboon koo qara hin qabu* My spear is not sharp. **qarsiifachuu** *tv* cause to whet/ sharpen for self *eeboo koo tumtuun qarsiifadha* I will have a blacksmith sharpen/whet my spear.

**qarsiisuu** *tv* cause to sharpen/whet

**qaruuraa** *n* bottle

**qaruutee** Same as *qaruuxee*

**qaruuxee** *n 1* Same as *axxee* (1) **2** spy

**qarxaa** Same as *bajjii*

**qarxaasaa** Same as *kudhaama* under *kudhaamuu*

**qarxabbi** Same as *qorxobbii*

**qarxam gochuu** *tv* Same as *qarsam gochuu*

**qarxam jechuu** Same as *qarsam jechuu*

**qarxamsuu** *tv* munch, usu dry food stuff such as parched corn, peas, etc., *akaayii shumburaa*

**qarxamsa** He is munching parched chick-peas.

**qarxee** Same as *qartee*

**qarxii** *n 1* a small plot of land where calves graze **2** a variety of *caatii* (see)

**qarxiixii** *n* a small bag made of cloth

**qasaasisuu** See *qasa'uu*

**qasam gochuu** Same as *qarsam gochuu*

**qasamii** *n* hollow stalk (used as a spool) upon which weft is wound

**qasam jechuu** Same as *qarsam jechuu*

**qasammee** *n* a kind of tree

**qasa'uu** *iv* laugh heartily and with sound *qasaatee kolfite* She laughed heartily and noisily.  
**qasaasisuu** *tv* cause to laugh *maaltu akkana isa qasaasisaa?* What makes him laugh so much?

**qashaa 1** Same as *biila* under *biiluu*  
**2** Same as *qola* (1)

**qasham qasham gochuu** *tv* munch sth crispy *qixxaa gogaa qasham qasham godhee bishaan dhugee tapha deeme* He munched dry bread, drank water and went to play.

**qasham qasham jechuu** *iv* be crispy *qixxaan kun qasham qasham jedha* This bread is crispy.

**qashara** See *qasharuu*

**qasharuu** *tv* pod or shell coffee beans *buna qasharti* She is shelling coffee beans. **qashara** *n* shelled coffee beans; cf., *duuddoo*

**qash gochuu** Same as *qarsam gochuu*

**qashii** *n* barley chaff/husk

**qash jechuu** Same as *qarsam jechuu*

**qashxii** *n* good quality *caatii* (see)

**qas qas jechuu** Same as *qasa'uu*

**qasqassee** *n 1* a kind of grass **2** thin or skinny person

**qassoo 1** Same as *kattaa* **2** Same as *qaaxillaa* (1)

**qataruu** *tv* develop spines as porcupines do

**qawoo** *adj* (of the peel, rind, or skin of maize/sorgo stalk) so firm that it does not peel easily *agadaan kun qawoo dha hin*

*qunca'u* The skin of this sorgo stalk is so firm that it does not peel easily.

**qawwee** *n* gun, usu musket or rifle *afaan qawwee barrel of a gun qawwen kun awuu dhukaafu ni/in utaalaa eeggadhu* Be careful! This gun recoils or kicks back when fired.

**qawweessa**<sup>1</sup> *n* space or gap between teeth, i.e., the space which is cleaned with dental floss or floss silk

**qawweessa**<sup>2</sup> See *qawweessawuu*  
**qawweessawuu** *iv* (of the early morning) dawn, i.e., begin to grow light *qawweessa* *n* dawn or daybreak

**qawweettii** *adv* late at night when everything is quiet *alkan qawweettii* very late at night; see also *waarii*

**qawweeytuu** Same as *qawweettii*

**qawwis** *n* a pea that comes out intact, uncooked, or unscathed after being boiled for hours

**qawwisa** *n* a bamboo-like plant from which a flute is usu made

**qaxalee** *adj* (usu of male humans) smart, i.e., clever; having a good, quick brain *gurbaa qaxalee* a smart, clever boy

**qaxammee** *n* a kind of a thorny tree

**qaxanaa** *n* famine; see also *beela* (2) under *beela'uu*

**qaxaph jechuu** Same as *yaadachuu* under *yaaduu*

**qaxara** *adj* (of fruit, beans, peas, chick-peas, etc.) unripe; green  
*atara qaxara* unripe peas  
**qaxaruu** *tv* hire, i.e., pay sb to do a certain kind of job  
**qaxqaxxee** *n* a chill, i.e., illness that causes shivering  
**qaxuree** Same as *adurree*  
**qaxxaamuraa** See *qaxxaamuruu*  
**qaxxaamuruu** *iv* take a short-cut, i.e., deviate from a straight, main road in order to arrive at a destination in a short time *asiin qaxxaamuran* They took a short-cut from here. **qaxxaamuraa** *n* 1 short-cut **2** cross, i.e., the Christian symbol **qaxxaamuraa diimaa** Red Cross **3** cross-roads *lafa karaa qaxxaamuraa awuu geessu dhaabbadhu na eegi* When you reach cross-roads, stop and wait for me.  
**qaxxee** *n* 1 a variety of wheat usu grown for the purpose of using it as roast grain **2** Same as *gubaa* (4) under *gubuu*  
**qaxxisa** See *qaxxisuu*  
**qaxxisuu** *iv* **1** (applies to movement such as walking) be furtive or stealthy; creep, pussy foot, sneak, or tiptoe *daljeessatti qaxxisuutti jira* He is tiptoeing towards the baboon. **2** Same as *xaaxa'uu* **qaxxisa** *adv* on tiptoe; stealthily *qaxxisa deemee daljeessa ajjeese* He walked on tiptoe and killed a baboon (that had been eating his crop).  
**qayee** *n* parched/roast grain; see also *akaayii*

**qayii** *n* wink *ani qayii tokkollee hin rafne* I did not sleep even a wink.  
**qayra** Same as *tabba*; see also *oloo*  
**qayya** *n* **1** haze; mirage, i.e., illusive appearance of mist-like stuff seen in a desert, street, etc. **2** incense, i.e., an aromatic substance, usu wood, the smoke of which is used for incensing or perfuming rooms, women, etc.  
**qayya citaa** *n* grass or tall grass that smells nice **qayya ulachuu** *tv* **1** (usu used of chickens) dust, i.e., cover themselves with dust *indaaqqoon qayya ulatti* The hen is dusting itself. **2** (applies to women) smoke oneself with incense *dubartiin deessuun qayya ulatti* A woman who has given birth recently smokes herself with incense *waan argine hunda hin dubbannu jettee boolli qayyaa* (humor) "We do not talk about everything we see", said a hole on which women straddle or sit with their legs wide apart and smoke themselves.  
**qayyabachuu** See *qayyabuu*  
**qayyabuu** *tv* realize; pay attention to; heed **qayyabachuu** *tv* study; examine and understand  
**qayyoo** *n* morning sunshine which usu elderly people enjoy (they sit outside and warm themselves in it)  
**qayyoota** Same as *qayya*  
**qeberoo** *n* droppings, excrement, or the dung of small animals such as deer, goat, or sheep

**qebexii** *n* roost, i.e., platform within a house for chickens to sleep on

**qececa** See *qececuu*

**qececuu** *iv* drizzle; mizzle; shower  
*har'aa qececacaa oole* Today it has been drizzling all day. **qececa** *n* drizzle, mizzle, or shower; see also *tiifuu*

**qee'ee** Same as *qeyee*

**qeeharuu** *tv* write

**qeela'uu** Same as *qeera'uu*

**qeelee** Same as *qilee*

**qeemaramuu** See *qeemaruu*

**qeemarsiisuu** See *qeemaruu*

**qeemaruu** *tv* (usu tree or bush) cut **qeemaramuu** *tv* (passive) be cut **qeemarsiisuu** *tv* cause to cut

**qeensa** *n* 1 finger-nail; toe-nail 2 claw 3 hoof 4 eighth, i.e., one of eight equal parts of live cattle, given free or bought [clue: for instance, a cow has eight hoofs/hooves, i.e., two on each leg] *sa'a qeensa tokkon elmadha* I own an eighth of a cow, i.e., I milk her once and take the milk after the other owner has milked her seven times. [Another clue: A cow is milked two times a day. So, if the other owner milks her on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday morning, I milk her Thursday evening and go home with my milk].

**qeensuu** *iv, tv* 1 trickle, i.e., cause to flow in a thin stream *araqee xaarmushiitti qeensaa jirti* She is trickling arrack into the bottle. 2

(of female, domestic animals such as cows, ewes, she-goats) show signs of sexual/mating desire by raising/moving / wagging their tails, etc., *saani koo qeensiteetti* My cow has shown signs of desire to mate.

**qeentee** *n* 1 a five-cent coin 2 single, i.e., an ox without a working partner *ani sangaa qeentee qaba, walitti hidhannuu?* I have a single ox, so shall we form a yoke of oxen by yoking yours and mine together? See also *qaroo* (1)

**qeenxoo** *n* 1 hook attached to one end of a spindle *qeenxoo calii* spindle hook 2 spoon made from horn 3 calabash or gourd cut into half and usu used for measuring grain, etc.

**qeeqa** See *qeequu*

**qeeqachuu** See *qeequu*

**qeeqamuu** See *qeequu*

**qeequu** *iv, tv* 1 doubt or suspect 2 criticize; oppose **qeeqa** *n* criticism/opposition; suspicion or doubt **qeeqachuu** *tv* guess, know, sense, or have a hunch that sth might happen *akka dhirsi koo har'a Goree dhaa galu ijaan qeeqadhen hundumaa qopheesse isa eege* Because I had a hunch that my husband would return from Gore today, I prepared everything and waited for him.

**qeeqamuu** *tv* (passive) be doubted; be criticized or opposed

**qeera'a** See *qeera'uu*



**qeeraasisuu** See *qeera'uu*  
**qeeraasoo** Same as *qeera'a* under *qeera'uu*  
**qeeramsa** Same as *qeeransa*  
**qeeransa** *n* leopard  
**qeera'uu** *tv* 1 Same as *qola'uu* 2 hit, usu with a club and kill  
**qeera'a** *n* 1 hitting a hockey ball with a stick 2 killing by hitting with a heavy stick **qeeraasisuu** *tv* cause to hit or kill with a club  
**qeerensa** Same as *qeeransa*  
**qeerra** Same as *qayra*; see also *oloo* or *tabba*  
**qeerransa** Same as *qeeransa*  
**qeerroo** *adj, n* bachelor or single, i.e., unmarried man *qeerroon waan fuute niitii seeti* (saying) A man who has been a bachelor for too long, thinks any woman he has married is a wife. [lack of experience in choosing the right woman for a wife]  
**qeersii** Same as *qarshii*  
**qeesii** *n* (applies to a Coptic Christian) clergy; priest *qeesiin waaq itti dheekkame daawitii gurgurtee harree bitte* (saying) The priest that God cursed sold his Psalms and bought a donkey. [Loading goods on a donkey's back and going to the market is beneath a priest]  
**qeessa** Same as *qeensa*  
**qeexa** Same as *qanxabii* under *qanxabuu*  
**qeexachuu** Same as *qanxabachuu* under *qanxabuu*  
**qeexamuu** Same as *qanxabamuu* under *qanxabuu*

**qeexii** *adj* (of sorgo or sugarcane) very thin *agadaa qeexii* very thin sorgo  
**qeexuu** Same as *qanxabuu*  
**qeeydii** Same as *lamii*  
**qeeyee** Same as *qeyee*  
**qeeyra** Same as *tabba/oloo*  
**qeeyroo** Same as *qeerroo*  
**qe'ila** *n* a variety of sorghum  
**qela'uu** Same as *qeera'uu*  
**qellasuu** *tv* (used of ox) lead the other oxen that thresh grains by walking on them **qellasii** *n* the ox that leads the other oxen that thresh grains by walking on them  
**qellee** *n* 1 field hockey 2 hockey bat or club  
**qellejee** Same as *bosonuu*  
**qelqellaawuu** *iv* (usu of females or small children) be frivolous, impetuous, or impulsive  
**qelqellee** *adj, n* 1 (usu of females or small children) frivolous, impetuous, or impulsive 2 climbing bean plant that ripens fast; bean of this plant  
**qelqellee** See *qelqellaawuu*  
**qeqqerephissuu** Same as *kuruphisuu*  
**qereb jechuu** Same as *utaaluu*  
**qerephissuu** Same as *kuruphisuu*  
**qerfamtuu** See *qerfamuu*  
**qerfamuu** *iv* (usu applies to females) be lustful, impulsive, prurient, or impetuous *maaliif akkana qerfamti?* Why is she so impetuous? **qerfamtuu** *adj* impetuous; see also *qelqellee* under *qelqellaawuu*

**qerqejjee** Same as *qelqellee* under *qelqellaawuu*  
**qerrobuu** Same as *qola'uu*  
**qettoo** *n* dip or any relish such as milk, stew, etc., with which local bread or porridge is eaten  
**qexebberuu** *iv* talk rubbish or nonsense *waan hin taane qexebbera* He talks nonsense.  
**qeyee** *n* compound or premises, i.e., land and the buildings upon it *qeyee koo keessa hin taphatinaa* Don't play in my premises.  
**qeyiira** Same as *qayra*  
**qibaabaa** Same as *eelee*  
**qicachuu** See *qicuu*  
**qicamuu** See *qicuu*  
**qichirtii** Same as *ciqirtii*  
**qichuu** Same as *kichuu*  
**qicii** *n* cotter pin, i.e., two wedges inserted in slots in the center of a yoke *usu* to prevent the sliding of the straps that connect the yoke to the plow beam  
**qiciicaa** *adj* (of hair) kinky or matted *rifeensi isaa qiciicaa dha* His hair is kinky.  
**qicuu** *tv* **1** (usu used of precious and small amount of liquid) pour, i.e., make a liquid stream or flow *araqee shiinii tokko naa qici* pour me a cup of arack. **2** Same as *ammaaruu qicachuu* *tv* **1** pour for self **2** Same as *ammaarrachuu* under *ammaaruu qicamuu* *tv* (passive) be poured  
**qidaamee** Same as *ayyaan duraa* or *sanbata*  
**qiddii** *n* fad, fashion, style or vogue *qiddii haasa akkanaa ammo*

*eessaa argate?* Where did he get this style of speech?  
**qiinqin** Same as *qinqanii* under *qinqanaawuu*  
**qiinxii** *n* (usu of humans) **1** flank, loins, or pelvis **2** the furrow-like line that runs from the upper back down to the lower back  
**qiiqqee** *adj, n* **1** cramp, i.e., a temporary, partial paralysis of over-used muscles; gout **2** (of opening such as the eye of a needle) narrow *iji marfee kanaa qiiqqee dha* The eye of this needle is narrow. **3** the upper wrist where young men burn and leave a big round scar because they believe their muscles will be strong  
**qiirree** *adj, n* squint-eyed, i.e., of a person affected by strabismus; cross-eyed; see also *ballaa* (**2**)  
**qiirsuu** Same as *qisuu*  
**qiiruu** *n* cancer; see also *daranyoo*  
**qiixuu** Same as *sassatuu* (**1**)  
**qiixxaa** Same as *qixxaa* under *qixxawuu*  
**qilba** *n* east; see also *baha* (**1**)  
**qilbaa** *n* a container for holding tobacco, for instance  
**qilee** *n* canyon, deep gorge, or ravine *bowwaa qilee* deep gorge  
**qililee** Same as *qilee*  
**qilillee** Same as *qilee* but sometimes both *qilee* and *qilillee* are used simultaneously for emphasis *bowwaa qilee qilillee* very deep gorge  
**qilimxoo** Same as *qilinxoo*  
**qilinxoo** *n* a kind of tree

**qilixii** 1 Same as *muda* 2 Same as *qellee*  
**qillee** Same as *qellee*  
**qilleensa** See *qilleensa'uu*  
**qilleensa'uu** *iv* (used of wind) 1 blow *kaleessa qilleensa'aa oole* The wind was blowing all day yesterday. 2 be windy *har'a baay'ee qilleensa'a* It's very windy today. **qilleensa** *n* 1 wind 2 air *ala bayii qilleensa fudhadhuu deebi'i* Go out, get fresh air, and come back.  
**qillisaa** *n* voice part intermediate between high and low; probably baritone  
**qillisuu** *iv, tv* 1 chirp 2 telephone sb  
**qilxuu** *n* sycamore [*ficus dahro*; F. *Vasta*]  
**qimaammachuu** *tv* warn *akka inni lammata natti hin dubbannen isa qimaammadhe* I warned him against talking to me again.  
**qimaaxarii** Same as *banjii*  
**qimamii** *n* spice(s); See also *kuyyisa* (1)  
**qimbichaa** Same as *gombisaa*  
**qimira** See *qimiraawuu*  
**qimiraawuu** *iv* (used of hair) tangle *rifeensii yoo qimiraaye sirriitti hin faaqqifamu* When hair is tangled, it is difficult to comb it properly. **qimira** *n* tangle  
**qimiruu** Same as *xumuruu* (2)  
**qimixuu** *tv* hit hard *dudda isaa qimixee cabse* He hit his back so hard that it broke.  
**qimmiichisuu** Same as *qimmiidsisuu* under *qimmiiduu*

**qimmiidamuu** See *qimmiiduu*  
**qimmiidchisuu** Same as *qimmiidsisuu* under *qimmiiduu*  
**qimmiiddaa** See *qimmiiduu*  
**qimmiiddachuu** See *qimmiiduu*  
**qimmiiddii** Same as *qimmiiddaa* under *qimmiiduu*  
**qimmiidsisuu** See *qimmiiduu*  
**qimmiiduu** *tv* 1 pinch, i.e., hurt by squeezing human skin between a thumb and a finger *iseetu na qimmiide* She is the one who pinched me. 2 jog or give a nudge, i.e., touch slightly to draw sb's attention secretly *akkuma iseen of jajuu jalqabdeen na qimmiide* He gave me a nudge as soon as she started bragging.  
**qimmiidamuu** *tv* (passive) 1 be pinched *ni/in qimiidame kanaaf nuun ooda* He was pinched. That is why he is sulking. 2 (fig) be disciplined *ani akka kee miti; qimmiidameen guddadhe* I am not like you; I have been brought up so properly that I do not behave badly. **qimmiiddaa** *n* pinch; nudge *qimmiiddaan haadha kootii gadhee dha* My mother's pinch is terrible. **qimmiiddachuu** *tv* discipline for self *ijoolle abbaa fi haadhatu qimmiiddata* It is the responsibility of the parents to discipline their own children.  
**qimmiidsisuu** *tv* cause to pinch or nudge  
**qim qim gochuu** *tv* (usu used of statements, jokes, etc.) excite/satisfy *haasaan isaa qim*

*qim nan (na hin)* goone His conversation did not excite me.

**qimqimuu** Same as *xumuruu*

**qimxoo** *n* cheese

**qinaaxii** *n* cushion between the ceiling and the top end of the central pillar; see also *okaatii*

**qinaaxxii** Same as *qinaaxii*

**qinbichaa** Same as *gombisaa*

**qincaabii** *n* an appendage joined to the top of a whip or *qaccee* (see)

**qincaba** *n* fruit that grows on a sycamore-like tree

**qincee** *n* boiled flour of barley, wheat, or corn mixed with butter and eaten

**qinciba** *n* a kind of tree with sticky, milk-like sap

**qincii** *n* darnel i.e., a weedy grass with the genus [Lolium]; see also *inkirdaada*

**qindaatuu** *adj.*, *n* only two

**qindaawuu** *iv* be organized; be united **qindeessuu** *tv* organize; unite *dura taa'aan dhaaba tokkoo nama walitti qindeessuu danda'uu qaba* A chairman of an organization or association must be able to organize or unite people. **qindii** *n* 1 a yoke of oxen, i.e., a pair of oxen harnessed together 2 two *farsoo qabee qindii dhugee machaaye* He drank two cups of beer and became drunk.

**qindeessuu** See *qindaawuu*

**qindii** See *qindaawuu*

**qinii** *n* half, i.e., one of two equal parts of local bread

**qinqanaawuu** *iv* (used of chickens or wood) be infested with termites/lice *indaaqqoon koo ni/in qinqanoofte* My chicken is infested with chicken lice. *muki kun qinqanaaye caccabe* This wood is infested with termites. That's why it's broken into pieces.

**qinqanii** *n* any termite that destroys wooden structure or infests chicken **qinqaneessuu** *tv* cause to be infested with termites

**qinqaneessuu** See *qinqanaawuu*

**qinqanii** See *qinqanaawuu*

**qinqinaawuu** Same as *qinqanaawuu*

**qinqineessuu** Same as *qinqaneessuu* under *qinqanaawuu*

**qinqinii** Same as *qinqanii* under *qinqanaawuu*

**qinxaa** See *qinxaawuu*

**qinxaawuu** *iv* be damaged/eaten by clothes moth **qinxaa** *n* cloth-moth; see also *bilii*

**qinxiraama** *n* a woman whose clitoris has not been removed; bitch, i.e., a lewd woman

**qinxirii** *n* clitoris

**qinxirii** See *qinxiraama*

**qinxissaa** Same as *agadaa* (1)

**qiq gochuu** *tv* tie firmly together *qoraan kana funyoo dhaan qiq godhi mataatti baadhu* Tie the firewood firmly into a bundle and carry it on your head.

**qiraacii** *n* potsherd *abidda qiraacii irra kaaye fide* He put the fire on a potsherd and brought it.

**qiraacoo** Same as *qiraacii*

**qirana** See *qiranuu*

**qiranuu** *tv* sharpen or whet *eeboon kun hedduu doomeraa maaliin yoo qiran wayya?* What is the best way of sharpening this extremely blunt spear? **qirana** *adj, n* 1 sharpness, i.e., very thin edge that cuts easily *qiranni eeboo kootii doomeera* The edge of my spear has become blunt. See also *qaruu* 2 Same as *dheedhii* under *dheedhachuu*

**qirca** See *qircuu*

**qircaa** Same as *qaaraa*

**qircachuu** See *qircuu*

**qircuu** *tv* (used of beef from commonly owned cattle by a group of men) apportion or share out *foon kana isatu nuu qirce* He was the one who shared out this meat among us. **qirca** (of beef) share *kottaa kormaa kana qirca qalannaa* Common, let us, as a group, buy and slaughter this bull and have equal share of the meat. **qircachuu** *tv* share beef *kudhan taanee korma tokko qallee qircanne* Ten of us slaughtered a bull and shared the meat.

**qirima** Same as *akaayii* under *akaawuu*

**qirimbisuu** Same as *qirinbisuu*

**qirinbisuu** *iv* diffuse, usu a pleasant smell, scent, or odor *nuyi xaarmushii shittoo buqqifnaan shittoon qalbii dhaan mana keessa qirinbise* Perfume smell diffused slowly in the room because we opened the perfume bottle.

**qirixii** See *qirixuu*

**qirixuu** *tv* 1 chop or cut, usu logs, into parts *jirma qirixa* He is cutting the log into parts. 2 bore or drill a hole in wood *walakkaa muka kanaa naa qirixi* Bore a hole in the middle of this wood for me. **qirixii** *n* chisel for boring a hole in wood

**qirixxee** See *qirixxisuu*

**qirixxisuu** *iv* jest, joke, or kid *ni/in qirixxista moo dhugaa dubbatta?* Are you joking/kidding or are you speaking the truth? *qirixxee n* jest or joke *qirixxee kee dhiisi* Stop joking.

**qirqaaba** See *qirqaabuu*

**qirqaabuu** *tv* pack, i.e., bundle things and load them on pack animals *mi'a isaa qirqaabee harreetti fe'e* He bundled his belongings and loaded them on the donkey. **qirqaaba** *n* load or bundle for pack animals to carry

**qirqida** Same as *qirqirsa* under *qirqirsuu*

**qirqiduu** Same as *qirqirsuu*

**qirqiffachuu** Same as *qirqirfachuu* under *qirqirsuu*

**qirqirfachuu** See *qirqirsuu*

**qirqirsa** See *qirqirsuu*

**qirqirsuu** *tv* tickle/titillate, i.e., touch sensitive parts of the body so as to cause laughter *na qirqirsee na kofalchiise* He tickled me and made me laugh. **qirqirsa** *n* tickle or tickling *ijoolleen tokko tokko qirqirsa hin jaal'atanu* Some children don't like tickling.

**qirqirfachuu** *iv* be ticklish, i.e., be sensitive to tickling and easily

made to laugh or wriggle *iddoo*  
*sanatti natti hin bu'in nan*  
*qirqirfadha* Don't touch me there;  
I am ticklish.

**qirqiruu** Same as *qirqirsuu*  
**qirraarii n 1** second-rate or even  
third-rate local beer obtained  
after adding water to the initial  
ingredient for the second or even  
the third time **2** modest way of  
saying "beer" when inviting a  
person to drink beer *ol seenaa*  
*qirraarii dhugaa* Come in and  
drink beer.

**qisa** See *qisuu*

**qisaasa gochuu** Same as *qisaasuu*  
**qisaasuu tv** waste or squander  
*har'a qarshii baay'ee qisaase* He  
squandered a lot of money  
today.

**qishanaa n** (usu what someone  
says) doubt, scepticism, or  
suspicion

**qishinaa n 1** derision *qishinaa natti*  
*goote* She held me in derision **2**  
Same as *qoosaa* under *qoosuu*  
**qishinaa gochuu tv** mimic

**qishira** See *qishiruu*

**qishiruu tv** shell or shuck coffee  
*buna qishirti* She is shelling  
coffee. **qishira adj** shelled or  
shucked coffee *buna qishira*  
shelled coffee cf., *duuddoo*

**qishtuu adj** of a person who  
derides at sb

**qishuu** Same as *qishinaa gochuu*  
under *qishinaa*

**qisimii** Same as *midhaan*

**qisqisee n** a short hair style; Afro

**qisuu iv 1** (used of the eye) blink  
or wink *ija/ila isaa qisa* He blinks  
his eyes. *ija isaa natti qise* He  
winked at me. **2** (of the ear) cock  
(up) *gurra isee qiftee waan jarri*  
*jedhanu dhaggeeffatte* She cocked  
up her ears and listened to what  
they were saying. **qisa n** wink  
*akka ani hindubbanne qisaan natti*  
*hime* He cautioned me with a  
wink not to speak.

**qixa** See *qixaawuu*

**qixaabiruu** Same as *qexebberuu*

**qixaawuu iv 1** be ready/in order  
*hundumtuu qixaayeera* Everything  
is ready/in order. **2** be  
associated, organized, or united  
*qonnaan bulaan keenya qixaayeera*  
Our farmers are united, i.e.,  
formed into organization **qixa n**  
organization or system, i.e.,  
working order *ojiin isee qixa hin*  
*qabu* Her work is done without  
any system, i.e., she is  
disorganized. **qixa qixaan adv** in  
an orderly manner/  
systematically *mi'a kana qixa*  
*qixaan achi kaayi* Put these things  
there in proper order. **qixeessuu**  
*tv 1* unite; organize, i.e., form  
into an organization *jaarsa*  
*biyyaatu nu qixeessa* The elders of  
our community will organize us.  
**2** prepare or make ready *buna*  
*qixeessiteetti* She has prepared  
coffee. See also *qopheessuu* under  
*qophaawuu*

**qixeessuu** See *qixaawuu*  
**qixiraa n** (of crop) sheaf  
**qixisuu** Same as *quxisuu*

**qixoo** *n* sacrifice, i.e., the offering of sth to a guardian spirit or deity *indaaqqoo qalee qixoo gube* He killed a chicken and burned it as a sacrifice

**qixoomuu** Same as *qixaawuu*

**qixuu** *iv* tip-toe *bosonutti qixa* He is tip-toeing towards the antelope. **qixa** *adv* slowly or stealthily *qixa deemi* Go on tip-toe, i.e., stealthily. See also *qaxxisuu*

**qixxaa** See *qixxawuu*

**qixxaachuu** *iv* equal, i.e., be equal to *ojjaa dhaan naan (anaan)*

*qixxaateera* He has equaled me in height. **qixxee** *adj*, *n* 1 equal *jarri dhalootaan wal qixxee dha* They are equal to each other in age. 2

(used of sth two or more persons own in common) *sangaan sun qixxee kooti* I have fifty per cent share in that ox *qonnaa kana keessaa qixxeen qaba* I own fifty per cent share in this crop.

**qixxee bu'uu** *iv* go halves with sb in sth, i.e., become part owner *iseen sangaa kee kana yoom qixxee buute?* When did she go shares with you in this ox?

**qixxee buusuu** *tv* sell half of one's property *sanga koo qixxeen buuse* I sold half of my ox.

**qixxeeffamuu** *tv* 1 be made equal 2 (of what is being collected in one place or brought to one place) be completed

**qixxee qotuu** *tv* farm, i.e., cultivate land, grow crops, for sb who has land and share the crop

*ani lafa hin qabu; qixxeen qota* I don't have land; I cultivate sb's land and share the crop.

**qixxeessuu** *tv* 1 (usu takes *wal*) make equal; level *muka isa kanaan qixxeessi muri* Cut a part of this wood off to make it equal with this one. *duuti hunduma keenya wal qixxeessa* Death levels all of us. 2 finish piling or stacking in one place **qixxummaa** equality *qixxummaa barbaanna* We want equality.

**qixxa'uu** Same as *qixxawuu*

**qixxawuu** *tv* bake unleavened bread *qixxaa naa qixxa'i* Bake bread for me. **qixxaa** *n* 1 bread *qixxaa qixxaati* She is baking bread. 2 Same as *dhaaba dammaa* under *dhaaba*

**qixxee** See *qixxaachuu*

**qixxeeffamuu** See *qixxaachuu*

**qixeessuu** See *qixxaachuu*

**qixxisuu** *iv* ramble or wander around aimlessly

**qixxummaa** See *qixxaachuu*

**qiyaamaa** *adj* (of male humans) tough, i.e., rough and violent *gurbaa qiyaamaa* a tough boy

**qiyaasuu** *tv* count or measure and find out how much sth is; estimate; gauge

**qiyyaafachuu** Same as *qayyabachuu* under *qayyabuu*

**qobaa** *adj*, *adv* 1 all alone; all by oneself or alone *kana qobaa baachuu hin dandeessu* You cannot carry this alone. *qobaa dhufe* He came alone, i.e., by himself or without company *mana qobaatti*

*dhiiseen dhufe* I left the house all alone, i.e., with no one to guard it. *ijoollee xixinnoo nama biratti dhiifta malee qobaatti hin dhiiftu* You can leave small children with a friend, but you cannot leave them alone. *mana qobaatti ijaarrate* He built his house all alone, i.e., with no other houses near it. **2** special *kun qobaa dha* This is special, i.e., different. **qoba galeessa** *n* hermit, i.e., a man who leads a solitary life; loner or single **qoba galeettii** *n* hermit, i.e., a woman who leads a solitary life; loner or single **qobachuu** *tv* **1** catch sth while it is in the air *eeboo ani itti darbadhe qobatee fudhate* He caught the spear I threw at him and took it. **2** throw and hit or hit and kill **qobboo** *n* **1** castor plant or its beans **2** rubber tree **qobbuu** Same as *duuchuu* (1) under *duuduu*<sup>1</sup> **qob jechuu** *iv* act or move quickly and with agility *qob jedhee farda irra bu'e* He mounted the horse fast and with agility. *qob jedhii kottu* Come quickly. See also *dafuu* **qoca** See *qocuu* **qocaa** *n* tortoise; turtle **qoccollii** Same as *qoccolloo* under *qoccoluu* **qoccolloo** See *qoccoluu* **qoccoluu** *tv* argue with sb; answer sb back *gurbaan kun maa achi taa'ee naan qoccola?* Why does this boy sit there and argue with

me? *obbolaan waliin qoccoluu jaal'atti* Siblings like to argue with each other. **qoccolloo** *n* ansering or talking back; arguing *qoccolloo na dhiisi* You had better stop answering me back.

**qoccoo** *n* **1** false banana [Ensete edulis] **2** Same as *hammichoo*

**qochisiisuu** See *qotuu*

**qochobaa** Same as *qochumaa*

**qocholuu** Same as *qoccoluu*

**qochumaa** *n* stomach; see also *garaacha*

**qocii** *n* small, street side market

**qocinee** Same as *dammee* (2) under *dammaawuu*

**qocinoo** *n* aerial yam; see also *kotte harree*

**qococuu** *iv* shoot or sprout usu from a stump of plants or bushes *qoccoon koo naa qococeera* My false banana has shot back

**qocomuu** *tv* hit sth after putting it between two strong objects that prevent it from sliding

**qocoo**<sup>1</sup> *n* a bar used as a door fastener *balballi kun coqoo hin gabuu?* Doesn't this door have a bar? **2** decorum or propriety fitting an age-group, social class, etc., *anii fi ati qocoo hin qabnuu?* Don't we (you and I) have a minimum standard of decorum fitting our age?

**qocoo**<sup>2</sup> Same as *qocinoo*

**qocoo**<sup>3</sup> Same as *oolaa*

**qocora** Same as *mancaa*



**qocoree** *n* ready-made clothes  
*qocoree gurgura* He sells ready-made clothes.

**qocqocaa** See *qocqocuu*

**qocqocuu** *tv* grind green chili after mixing it with spices and use it as relish **qocqocaa** *n* ground, green chili mixed with water, salt, and spices

**qocuu** *tv* 1 (usu applies to scanty water in a spring) secure every drop patiently and fill one's jar eventually 2 Same as *qicuu* (1)

**qoca** *n* (usu flow of water) dribble, i.e., a small amount *lagni gognaan qoca waraabde* Because the stream was almost dry, she had to take time and secure every drop she could get.

**qodaa** *n* 1 (usu for drinking or eating) utensil or vessel, e.g., cups, jars, pans, pots 2 furniture 3 flask-like gourd used for holding milk

**qoddii** *n* land barren of/without grass

**qoddiroo** Same as *andaqii*

**qoddo** *n* grayish, aromatic plant

**qodha** Same as *wareega* under *wareeguu*

**qodiroo** Same as *andaqii*

**qofa** *adv* 1 never; not at all *ani har'a qofa isa hin agarre* I did not see him at all today *qofa hin ta'u* It can never be. 2 alone *qofa kottuu* Come alone. See also *qobaa* (1) 3 before, i.e., earlier than this time *har'a duwwaa osoo hin ta'in qofas dhufaniiru* Not only today but they also came before

**qofaa** Same as *qufaa* under *qufa'uu*

**qofa'uu**<sup>1</sup> Same as *qufa'uu*

**qofa'uu**<sup>2</sup> *tv* hit a picket or a peg so as to fix it in ground **qofoo** *n* picket, post, stake, or picket-peg

**qofoo** See *qofa'uu*<sup>2</sup>

**qojjoo** *n* each of the four bed-props, usu fixed to the ground

**qokkee** *n* 1 den or hollow in a tree in which bees prepare honey *damma qokkee* honey from hollow of a tree; see also *holqa* (1) under *holqaawuu* 2 Same as *kokkee*

**qola**<sup>1</sup> *n* 1 sheath of ear of corn 2 peel *qola muusii/burtukaanii* banana/orange peel 3 pod of beans, chick-peas, peas, etc., *qola ataraa* peas pod 4 foreskin or prepuce of penis *qola isaa murateera* He is circumcised. 5 human skin 6 eye lid or eye lash

**qola**<sup>2</sup> Same as *darbaa* (2) under *darbuu*

**qola**<sup>3</sup> See *qola'uu*

**qolaa** *n* 1 cotton blanket 2 a three-strand rope

**qolaan qolii** *n* corn or maize in a sheath or with a sheath on; cf., *qulqulluu* (3) under *qulqullaawuu*

**qolaatii** *n* a kind of tree

**qolachuu** *tv* 1 duck/dodge/evade, i.e., move, bend the body, or jump quickly to one side to avoid a blow *ni/in qolate malee dhagaan iseen itti darbatte sun mataa isaa cabsa ture* If he had not ducked/dodged, the stone she threw at him would have broken his skull. 2 Same as *qobachuu*

**qolannaa** *n* dodge, i.e., quick movement to avoid a blow  
**qola jabaachuu** *iv* 1 be hard to peel 2 bear/endure hardships, i.e., accept hardships bravely and deal with them; have a thick skin

**qola laafuu** *iv* be easily peeled 2 be shy or weak; have a thin skin

**qolamuu** *iv* escape injury by a narrow margin *amma xinnoottan qolame malee makiinaan na ajjeesee oole* It was a close call; I escaped being killed by a speeding car. See also *oolchuu* under *ooluu*<sup>3</sup>

**qolannaa** See *qolachuu*

**qola'uu** *tv* (usu used of a hockey game) punt, i.e., hit a hockey ball after dropping it from a hand and before it touches the ground *ol ha'ii qola'i* Throw the hockey ball high up and then hit it while it is still in the air **qola** *n* hitting sth while it is still in the air

**qolchuu** *iv* over take, i.e., pass animals, persons, etc., by moving faster than them *ijoolleen ammamuu yoo fiigdee abbaa hin qolchitu* No matter how fast they run, children cannot over take their fathers.

**qolee** *n* nape, occiput, or scruff, usu of persons *gara galtee yoo qolee kee argite, na argita* If you can turn and see your nape, you can see me, i.e., you will never see me.

**qolii** Same as *qolaanqolii*

**qollajjaawuu** *iv* become very skinny *sangaan sun baay'ee*

*qollajjaaye* That ox has become very skinny. **qollajjii** *adj* skinny; skin and bone *sangaa qollajjii* a skinny ox

**qollajjii** See *qollajjaawuu*

**qollee**<sup>1</sup> Same as *qellee*

**qollee**<sup>2</sup> Same as *iyyeessa* under *iyyoomuu*

**qolleeffachuu** Same as *qoolifachuu*

**qolleessuu** Same as *iyyoomsuu*

**qolliffachuu** Same as *qoolifachuu*

**qollofa** Same as *kofa*

**qolloffee** Same as *quncee*

**qollofuu** *tv* 1 button (up) *kofoo kee qollofadhu* Button your pants. 2 lock, i.e., fasten a door, a box, etc., with a lock *saanduuqii qolloftee?* Have you/Has she locked the box?

**qollonfee** Same as *qola*<sup>1</sup> (2)

**qolloo** Same as *abdaarii*

**qolmommuu** Same as *kormommuu*

**qolola** Same as *qola*<sup>1</sup> (1, 2, 3, 5)

**qolomata**<sup>1</sup> Same as *ofkoltii* under *ofkoluu*

**qolomata**<sup>2</sup> Same as *qolee*

**qoloo** *n* 1 home-made, cotton dress 2 clothes

**qolqola** Same as *duwwaa* (2)

**qolqolachuu** Same as *falfalachuu* under *falfaluu*<sup>1</sup>

**qolqolamuu** Same as *falfalamuu* under *falfaluu*<sup>1</sup>

**qolqoleessuu** Same as *golqoleessuu*

**qolqollee** *adj*, *n* 1 grazing land made barren of pasture or grass through over-use 2 Same as *iyyeessa* under *iyyoomuu* 3 Same as *duwwaa* (2)

**qolqoluu** Same as *falfaluu*<sup>1</sup>  
**qolsiisuu** Same as *falfalchiisuu*  
 under *falfaluu*<sup>1</sup>  
**qoluu** *tv* hit or kill *eeboo dhaan*  
*daljeessa qole* He killed a baboon  
 with a spear.  
**qoma** *n* chest or breast, i.e., the  
 surface of the body extending  
 from the neck to the abdomen  
**qomaaxaa** Same as *qurcii* under  
*qurcaawuu*  
**qomanyoo** *n* a kind of tree  
**qomaaxa'uu** Same as *qurcaawuu*  
**qomee** *n* 1 breast plate-like,  
 sleeveless and collarless shirt 2  
 V-shaped leather band that  
 connects the cinch/girth to the  
 pommel/saddle bow  
**qom jalloo** *n* torticollis or  
 wryneck, i.e., a disease that  
 causes the human neck to be  
 twisted and causes the head to  
 be inclined to one side; see also  
*cillaanqoo* under *cillaanqachuu*  
**qomma'uu**<sup>1</sup> Same as *qossa'uu* (1)  
**qomma'uu**<sup>2</sup> *iv* bow, i.e., bend the  
 upper part of the body forward  
 to show respect *naa qomma'e/*  
*qommaate* He/She bowed to me  
 as a sign of respect for me  
**qomoo** *n* 1 breed, genus, kind, or  
 species *qomoo sa'a kanaa beektaa?*  
 Do you know the breed of this  
 cow? 2 human species; clan  
*qomoo namaa* human species *akka*  
*qomoo yartuu wal irra goru* They  
 stick for each other as members  
 of a minority clan or racial group  
 3 Same as *qomee* (2)  
**qomora** See *qomoruu*

**qomoruu** *iv* be without food as a  
 result of which, usu one's  
 mouth dries *qomoree sa'a bira oole*  
 He tended the cattle all day  
 without eating anything.  
**qomora** *n* empty-stomach *afaan*  
*qomora mana barnootaa oole* He  
 stayed at school all day without  
 eating a thing.  
**qoncooruu** *iv* wrinkle *dullumaan*  
*fuulli isee qoncoore* Her face has  
 wrinkled with age. See also  
*suntuuruu* (1)  
**qondaala** *n* 1 a term of reference,  
 without mentioning his name, to  
 a man who was deceased or to  
 his deserted house *qondaal baye*  
 He is dead. *manni isaa qondaala*  
*baye* His house is deserted. 2  
 Same as *ajjeesaa* under *ajjeesuu* 3  
 commissioned officer in the  
 armed forces or in an  
 organization; a delegate 4 in  
*gadaa* system of a democratic  
 government, it is a rank which is  
 immediately below *foollee*  
**qondaalee** Same as *qondaala* (3)  
**qondaallee** Same as *coommee*  
**qondiroom** *n* fragrant plant that  
 resembles mushroom  
**qondoo** *n* hot pepper  
**qongoo** Same as *dhagaa gaayyaa*  
 under *dhagaa*  
**qonnaa** See *qotuu*  
**qonnaan bulaa** See *qotuu*  
**qonqa** *n* 1 food; see also *midhaan* 2  
 Same as *qooqa* (3)  
**qonqoo** Same as *qoonqoo*  
**qontarii** Same as *talbaa*

**qonxaa** *n* jerked, dried, smoked meat  
**qonxar** Same as *talbaa*  
**qonxoruu** Same as *ammaaruu*  
**qonyaalee** Same as *migira*  
**qonyaa'uu** Same as *qonyonyaawuu*  
**qonyanyaa** Same as *qonyonyaa* under *qonyonyaawuu*  
**qonyee**<sup>1</sup> *n* 1 hand put into the shape of a cup; *handful*  
*shumburaa qonyee tokko naa*  
*kennite* She gave me a handful of chick-peas. **2** shoulder **qonyee**  
**qonyee** *n* children's game in which they overlap the four fingers, bend them towards the palm and beg for sth  
**qonyee**<sup>2</sup> *n* metal staple for fastening a plow  
**qonyeessuu** *tv* form metal into the shape of metal staple of a plow  
**qonyonyaa** See *qonyonyaawuu*  
**qonyonyaawuu** *iv* (used of sore/wound) cicatrize or scab (over) *madaan isaa*  
*qonyonyaayeeraaf* His wound has scabbed over. **qonyonyaa** *n* scab, i.e., dry crust over sore or wound  
**qonyonyoo** Same as *qonyonyaa* under *qonyonyaawuu*  
**qoobaddaa** Same as *booqaddaa*  
**qoocara** *n* a small storage place in a house  
**qooccoo** Same as *qoccoo*  
**qoocee** *n* a kind of tree, the wood of which is very hard and tough  
**qoochoo** *n* wing of airplane, bird, or insect

**qoocuu** Same as *muruu* (1) or *ciga'uu*  
**qooda** See *qooduu*  
**qoodamuu** See *qooduu*  
**qooddiroo** Same as *andaqii*  
**qooduu** *tv* share sth out among/between or divide  
*sogidda keeshaa tokko nu lamaanii*  
*qoode* He shared out a sack of salt between the two of us. **namaa**  
**qooduu** *tv* give sb one's own share of sth *nyaata naa qooddee ofii isetii agabuu bulte* She gave me all the food and herself went to bed hungry, i.e., for my sake.  
**nama qooduu** *tv* discriminate against; be unfair to one, usu when distributing sth that is supposed to be shared equally, i.e., be mean to one/  
some while giving liberally to the other sharers *haati isaa nyaata ijoollee hundumaaf kennitee na duwwaa qoodde* His mother gave food to all the other kids, but she discriminated against me. **qooda** *n*, *prep* 1 share, i.e. part or division that sb gives, receives, etc., *qooda koo naa kenni* Give me my share. **2** gift or present *qooda naa fide* He brought me a present  
**3** instead of *qooda abbaa kootii anatu dhufe* I came in place of my father, i.e., I represent my father.  
**qoodamuu** *tv* **1** be shared *sogiddi qoodamee?* Is the salt distributed equally/shared? **2** be discriminated against or be treated unfairly usu when sth is supposed to be distributed

equally, i.e., be given less while others are given more than their share

**qoofnii** Same as *qoomnii*  
*qoomna'uu*

**qooftuu** See *qaawuu*

**qoola** *n* 1 pelt *qoola re'ee* pelt of a goat 2 feather

**qoolajjii** *n* hide of cattle (i.e., before the hair is removed)

**qoolii** *n* deficit or loss *warshichi qoolii dhaan socho'a* The factory operates at a loss.

**qoolajjii** Same as *duwwaa* (2)

**qoollee** Same as *haphii* under *haphachuu*

**qoollifachuu** *iv* 1 avoid; not be on speaking terms with sb as a result of a quarrel *maa isa irraa qoollifatte?* Why did she/you stop talking to him? *mana dhukkubi golfaa jiru hin lixinaa; qollifadhaa* Avoid entering a house where there is typhus. 2 protect or guard oneself against any possible harm

**qoolloo** *n* place of worship, usu under the shade of big trees; an equivalent of a Christian church in *waageffannaa*, i.e., Oromo religion

**qoolloo-boolloo** *n* echo, i.e., a sound repeated from a surface, a gorge, a big tree, a wall, etc.,

**qoomaa** See *qoomuu*

**qoomamuu** See *qoomuu*

**qoommii** Same as *qoomnii* under *qoomna'uu*

**qoommoo** *n* measured amount of grain that can be ground at a

time on a mill-stone *qoommoo tokko duwwaa daakte* She ground only a measure of grain.

**qoomna'uu** *iv* be ready *atuu iseen hin qoomna'in keessummaa ol hin galchinaa* Do not let in the guests before she is ready. **qoomnii** *n* convenient place *manni kun lafa/iddoo qoomniitti ijaarame* This house has been built in a convenient place.

**qoomnii** See *qoomna'uu*

**qoomsisuu** See *qoomuu*

**qoomuu** *tv* assassinate; kill sb instantly or fast *diina isaa qoommee bira darbe* He killed his enemy instantly and walked away.

**qoomaa** *n* 1 instant killing *daljeessa qoomaa lafa buuse* He killed the baboon instantly 2 a disease that kills instantly, probably heart attack *qoomaan sitti ha dhufu* May you meet your fate or sudden death.

**qoomamuu** *tv* (passive) be killed instantly **qoomsisuu** *tv* cause to kill instantly

**qoonqa** Same as *qooqa*

**qoonqoo** *n* 1 throat 2 hunger *qoonqoon na qabe* I am hungry.

**qoonqoon nama diduu** *iv* lose appetite for food *qoonqoon eega na didee tureera* It has been a long time since I lost my appetite. 3 Same as *afaan* (3); see also *qooqa*

**qoonxaa** *n* 1 jerked, dried, smoked meat 2 a person who is very skinny

**qoonxar** Same as *talbaa*

**qoophawuu** *tv* rake up and smooth away a farm (usu just plowed) *lafa shunkurtiif qotame kana qoopha'i* Rake this onion-bed.

**qooqa** *n* 1 language; see also *afaan* (3) 2 sunken or puffed, i.e., inflated or deflated abdomen, usu of animals, a sign that the animal has grazed or not grazed properly 3 hunger

**qooqaa** Same as *bayeessa* (1)

**qooqqifachuu** *iv* draw in one's stomach deliberately and make it shrink *in/ni qooqqifate malee garaan isaa amma guchumaa gaya* Although he made it appear sunken by drawing it in, his stomach is as big as a large gourd. **qooqsuu** *tv* cause stomach to look empty or sunken

**qooqsaa** Same as *qoossaa*

**qooqsuu** See *qooqqifachuu*

**qooquu** *iv* be hungry

**qooqxuu** *adj* 1 (usu of female humans) hungry 2 thin and beautiful because of the absence of paunch or potbelly

**qooraa** See *qooruu*

**qoorara** *n* the upper back

**qoorba'uu** *tv* move about or shake sheaves of grain while threshing *qamadii qoorba'i* Stir the wheat sheaves (and then thresh them). **qoorbii** *n* pitchfork-like stick for moving about sheaves of grain while threshing

**qoorbii** See *qoorba'uu*

**qoorfachuu** See *qooruu*

**qoorrama** Same as *dallansuu* under *dallanuu*

**qoorramuu** Same as *dallanuu*

**qoorrifachuu** Same as *qoollifachuu*

**qoorshoo** *n* broken gourd

**qooruu** *iv* dry, i.e., become dry *wayyaan koo qooreeraa?* Have my clothes become dry? *arki/rifeensi isaa qooreeraaf* His hand/hair has become dry for him. **qooraa** *adj* dry *wayyaa qooraa* dry clothes **qoorfachuu** *tv* let dry for self *arka kee qoorfadhu* Dry your hands for self. **qoorsuu** *tv* dry by heat or by wiping with towel, etc., *qumxaa isaa abiddaan qoorse* He dried his shorts in front of the fire.

**qoorsuu** See *qooruu*

**qoosaa** See *qoosuu*

**qoosee** *n* the hollow space or depression on the nape or scruff

**qooshaa** Same as *bukoo* under *bukaawuu*

**qoossaa** *n* cattle disease characterized by diarrhea

**qoosuu** *tv* 1 trifle with and provoke *saree kanaan hin qoosinaa* Don't trifle with this dog; you will provoke him. 2 say sth in jest; be amusing *in/ni qoose woo maaliif itti aarta?* He said it in jest; why are you mad/angry at him?

**qoosaa** *n* jest, joke, or trifle *waanti ani sitti himu kun qoosaa mitii qalbii dhaan dhaggeeffadhu* What I'm going to tell you is not a joke or trifle; listen carefully. *ani qoosaa him/im beeku* I am not a man to be trifled with.

**qoottii** Same as *qooxii*

**qooxii** *n* 1 platform, i.e., horizontal structure raised and built above a fireplace, usu used for drying grains for seed or for keeping certain utensils 2 platform inside a house on which chickens roost at night; roost 3 a very high bed, erected under the eaves of a house, usu on which unmarried young men sleep to avoid disturbing family members when they [young men] come late at night

**qoouxii** Same as *qooxii*

**qophaa** Same as *qobaa*

**qophaawuu** *iv* 1 be ready *irbaati qophaayeeraa?* Is dinner ready? 2

be or get ready for / doing sth; be prepared *deemuuf*

*qophaayaanii?* Are they ready to go? **qopheeffachuu** *tv* prepare

for self *nyaata qopheeffattee qobaa isee nyaatte* She prepared a meal for self and ate it alone.

**qopheessuu** *tv* prepare, make sth ready *irbaata qopheessiteettii?* Has she prepared dinner?

**qophii** *n* 1 preparation *gaa'ila intala keenyaatiif qophii barbaachisuu gootanii?* Have you made the necessary preparation for the wedding of our daughter? 2 radio, TV, etc., program *qophiin keenya har'aa* Our radio/TV program for today is ...

**qophe** Same as *qophisuu*

**qopheeffachuu** See *qophaawuu*

**qopheessachuu** Same as *qopheeffachuu* under *qophaawuu*

**qopheessuu** See *qophaawuu*

**qophii**<sup>1</sup> See *qopheessuu*

**qophii**<sup>2</sup> See *qophisuu*

**qophisuu** *iv* be brisk, fast, prompt, quick, rapid, snappy, swift, or be zippy in doing sth *kittaa koo qophisee naa hodhe* He was prompt in tailoring my shirt. **qophe** *adj* (usu of persons) brisk, fast, prompt, quick, snappy, swift, or zippy *haati manaa isaa qophe dha* His wife is fast (in doing sth).

**qophisuu** *adv* (usu takes *dhaan*) fast, promptly, quickly, rapidly, or swiftly *qophii dhaan kottu* Come quickly / fast.

**qoqa'uu** *tv* clear land by burning off stubbles, weed, etc., *lafa qoqa'e* He cleared the land.

**qoqoree** *adj* (of grazing field) over-grazed; grassless

**qoqoruu** Same as *qorquu*

**qoqqobbee** Same as *riqicha*

**qoqqobuu** Same as *nama qooduu* under *qooduu*

**qoqqocaa** Same as *qocqocaa* under *qocqocuu*

**qoqqofa'uu** *tv* peck, i.e., strike with the beak *indaaqqoon qoccoo qoqqofaati* The hen is pecking at the false banana plant.

**qoraa** See *qoruu*<sup>1</sup>

**qoraan** *n* firewood *qoraan funaanuu deemte* She went to collect firewood

**qoraanya'uu** *tv* (usu used of animals or persons) tie together to prevent running away *oolaa walitti qoraanya'ee gadhiise* He

tied (the) two sheep together  
and let them loose *hidhamtoota*  
*lama walitti qoraanya'nii*  
*dhaddachatti geessan* They tied  
two prisoners together and took  
them to court.

**qoraasuma** See *qoraasuu*<sup>1</sup>

**qoraasuu**<sup>1</sup> *tv* fumigate, usu a  
churn, *ro'oo qoraafiti* She is  
fumigating the churn.

**qoraasuma** *n* plant the root of  
which is used for fumigating,  
usu a churn

**qoraasuu**<sup>2</sup> *tv* disturb, usu grazing  
animals by driving them about  
and by not giving them peace to  
graze or rest *mucaan kun maaliif*  
*sa'a akkana asii fi achi qoraasa?*  
Why does this boy disturb the  
cattle by driving them about so  
much?

**qoraattii** *n* thorn, i.e., sharp,  
pointed growth on a stem;  
spines; spike on running shoes  
**qoraattii afaan dubartii** *n* a  
sharp thorn the pricking of  
which burns/stings the skin as  
does the tongue of a virago or a  
shrew. **qoraattii xaddee** *n* quills  
or spines

**qorachuu** See *qoruu*<sup>1</sup> and *qoruu*<sup>2</sup>

**qorannaa** See *qoruu*<sup>2</sup>

**qorbii** Same as *qoorbii* under  
*qoorba'uu*

**qorcaasuu**<sup>1</sup> *tv* cut off *ittii corcaasi*  
Cut from it

**qorcaasuu**<sup>2</sup> Same as *qarcaasuu*

**qoree** Same as *qoraattii*

**qoreessuu** *tv* mix spiced butter  
and parched barley/chick peas  
and usu use it as appetizer/  
snacks **qorii** *n* a mixture of  
spiced butter and parched grain,  
usu used as appetizer

**qoricha** *n* 1 medicine or drug 2  
(fig) [usu takes pron + *ti*]  
deserved punishment *qoricha*  
*keeti; abbaan kee бага si dhaye* It is  
your medicine; I am glad that  
your father punished you. 3 (fig)  
small quantity usu of food or  
drink *araqee amma qorichaa naa*  
*kennite* She gave me a very small  
quantity of arack (as if it were  
medicine). **qoricha namaa qotuu**  
*tv* deceive, fool, trap hoodwink,  
or trick sb *atuma jarri nu malee*  
*abshaalli hin jiru jedhanii yaadanuu*  
*qoricha qonneef* Although they  
believe that no one is as smart as  
they are, we out smarted them.

**qorichummaa** *n* 1 (usu of goods;  
emphatic use ) not available at  
all *anqaaquun har'a qorichummaa*  
*dhaafuu hin argamu* These days  
eggs are not found anywhere at  
all, i.e., even to be used as  
medicine. 2 medicinal value  
*sanyiin muka kana qorichummaa*  
*dhaaf barbaadama* This kind of  
plant is wanted for its medicinal  
value.

**qorichummaa** See *qoricha*

**qorii**<sup>1</sup> See *qoreessuu*

**qorii**<sup>2</sup> *n* cleft, opening, or slit  
between hooves of animals with  
cloven hoof



**qorii**<sup>3</sup> *n* large wooden bowl, usu for porridge  
**qorkee** *n* 1 hartebeest 2 name of a month, probably March  
**qorobee**<sup>1</sup> *n* 1 utensil/vessel for drinking milk 2 Same as *okolee*  
**qorobee**<sup>2</sup> *adv* near; around, i.e., not far away from a house, etc., *mana qorobee jira* He is around, near the house.  
**qorobtoo** Same as *qabarichoo*  
**qorobuu** *tv* call down curses (from Heaven) upon sb *jaarsa sanatu na qorobe* That old man there cursed me. See also *abaaruu*  
**qoronfilaa** Same as *ulee*  
**qoronyoo** *n* 1 spur of a bird, usu of a cock 2 ankle  
**qoroo** *n* feudal lord or baron; baronage, i.e., the land and people under his/her control  
**qorooncoo** Same as *qoronyoo*  
**qorooroo** *n* upper back; see also *qoorara*  
**qoroqondaa** Same as *qorqoddaa*  
**qorqaa** See *qorquu*  
**qorqoddaa** *n* sorghum chaff, usu used for cleaning/dusting millstone  
**qorqoduu** Same as *qorqoruu* (3)  
**qorqondaa** Same as *qorqoddaa*  
**qorqoraa** See *qorqoruu*  
**qorqoramuu** See *qorqoruu*  
**qorqorroo** *n* 1 corrugated iron, usu used for roofing 2 any vessel made of tin or zinc, e.g., cans  
**qorqortuu** See *qorqoruu*  
**qorqoruu** *tv* 1 (usu used of a close-fisted husband) ask a wife to account for, in the minutest

detail, money or food items that had been given to her to manage the household *dhirsi koo na qorqora* (My husband is miserly); he alwas wants me to account for (every cent he gives me). 2 stint, i.e., allot money or food items to be used within a specified period of time *waan natti kennu hundumaa qorqoree natti kenna* He stints whatever he gives me 3 interrogate or cross examine sb 4. tickle sb, usu in the armpit; see also *qirqirsuu*  
**qorqoraa** *adj* (of male human) stingy or grudging in matters of house expenses **qorqoramuu** *tv* 1 be cross examined as regards to how money/food items allotted have been spent 2 be tickled, usu in the armpit  
**qorqortuu** *adj* (of a despicable, miserly man or woman) grudging in matters of house expenses *iseen is dhirsi isees qorqortuu dha* Both the husband and the wife are stingy and grudging  
**qorquu** *tv* pick a bone; nip off; gnaw at *boqqolloo qorqa* He is nipping corn off the corn on the cob (with the teeth). *sareen lafee qorqa* The dog is gnawing at a bone. **qorqaa** *n* grazing land from which almost all the grass has been eaten because animals frequent it for its salty taste *sa'i qorqaa barte manatti hin galtu* A cow that has spotted a salted

(usu by human urine) grazing spot won't come home easily.  
**qorra** See *qorruu*  
**qoraa** *n* name of a month, probably November  
**qorree** *n* 1 cigarette end/stub 2 leftovers *qorreen nama gaarii waggaa nama him/im baafu* (saying) The leftovers from a kind person won't last a recipient for a year [better to become self-reliant].  
**qorrisiisuu** See *qorruu*  
**qorrondee** *n* a variety of tobacco  
**qorroo**<sup>1</sup> *n* a slope of a hill *qorroo irra ijaajjee na waame* He stood on the slope and called me.  
**qorroo**<sup>2</sup> *n* cold water  
**qorruu** *iv* (used of low temperature only) be/feel cold *nan qorre; abidda bobeessaa* I am cold; make a fire. *miilla kootti na qorre* My feet felt cold. *iddoon kun ni/in qorra* This place is cold.  
**qorra** *n* 1 cold *qorra keessaa ol seeni* Don't stay out in the cold; get inside. 2 frost *qorratu midhaan koo balleesse* Frost killed my crop.  
**qorrisiisuu** *tv* cause to/make feel chilly or cold *na qorrisiisa* I am feeling chilly.  
**qorsa**<sup>1</sup> *n* 1 comet or falling star 2 gout; polio or poliomyelitis 3 cancerous ulceration  
**qorsa**<sup>2</sup> Same as *qoricha* (1)  
**qorsee** *n* broken piece of calabash/gourd  
**qorshee** Same as *qorsee*  
**qorsoo** Same as *akaayii* under *akaawuu*

**qorumsa** See *qoruu*<sup>2</sup>  
**qoruu**<sup>1</sup> *tv* 1 cut one's nails *qeensa kee qoradhu* Cut your nails. 2 prune 3 (applies to an unmarried, young girl only) shave hair just below the crown to form a round, tonsure-like spot as a symbol of virginity *mataa isee eenyutu qoreef?* Who shaved part of her hair and formed the tonsure-like spot for her? **qoraa** *n* round, shaved spot just below the crown of a young unmarried girl, a sign of her virginity **qorachuu** *tv* 1 cut nail for self *qeensa isaa ofumaan qorate* He cut his nails himself. 2 (of an unmarried girl) *tv* have hair style/do which resembles tonsure; see also *qarree* (1) *mataa isee qoratteetti* She has her hair shaved off in the form of tonsure, so to speak.  
**qoruu**<sup>2</sup> *tv* investigate thoroughly by asking detailed questions; probe, cross-examine, or cross question *maaliif akkana na qorta?* Why are you you cross-examining me so much?  
**qorachuu** *tv* 1 ask or consult with, find out *iryaa kootii wajjin eega wal qorannee boodan sitti hima* I will consult with my friend and then let you know. 2 investigate the background of a girl one intends to marry *ofumaa qoradheen booddee jaarsa itti ergadhe* I sent elders to her parents (to negotiate marriage), after I had personally studied

her background. **qorannaa** *n* inquiry; investigation *intala qoranna deeme* He went to investigate the background of the girl he intends to marry.

**qorumsa 1** (neologism) examination taken after a course of study is completed **2** inquiry; investigation *qorumsa natti baayy'ise* He asked me too many questions (as if her were investigating me).

**qoruu**<sup>3</sup> Same as *qaruu* (1)  
**qorxaaxxaa** See *qorxaaxxa'uu*  
**qorxaaxxa'uu** *iv* be miserly, niggardly, or stingy *maaliif akkana qorxaaxxa'a?* Why is he so stingy? **qorxaaxxaa** *adj* miserly or stingy

**qorxii** *n* **1** basket on which porridge is put and eaten, usu on the day *ateetee* (see) is observed; it is also used for measuring flour **2** box, i.e., a small container for articles and ornaments **3** feast given in memory of a deceased adult *qorxii abbaa isaa baase* He gave a feast in commemoration of his deceased father.

**qorxobbee** *n* tough grass  
**qorxobbii** *adj*, *n* **1** (usu of a male human) huge and tall at once **2** Same as *qorxobbee*

**qoshachuu** *iv* (usu used of fingers) bend towards the palm because of rheumatic joints, etc., *arkatu isa qosha'e* His fingers have stiffened. **qoshee** *adj*, *n* **1** Same

as *qonyee*<sup>1</sup> (2) **2** (usu of fingers) stiffened

**qoshee** See *qoshachuu*

**qoshee qoshee** Same as *qonyee qonyee* under *qonyee*<sup>1</sup>

**qosoo** Same as *aanquu*

**qosoqqosuu** Same as *tugachuu* (2)

**qosorruu** Same as *kosorruu*

**qossa'uu** *tv* **1** peck, i.e., strike with the beak and usu make a hole *indaaqqoon qoccoo qossaate* The chicken pecked a hole in the false banana stalk. **2** (usu used of children) cuff, i.e., hit or strike lightly *ijoolleen yoo wal bukkee teesse wal qossaati* Children usu cuff each other if they sit side by side. **qossoo** *n* cuffing or hitting lightly

**qossoo** See *qossa'uu*

**qota** *n* leather sheet on which, usu women sleep after giving birth

**qotaa**<sup>1</sup> Same as *inaaffaa* under *inaafuu*

**qotaa**<sup>2</sup> Same as *bogongoo* (2)

**qotachuu** See *qotuu*

**qotamuu** See *qotuu*

**qotee bulaa** Same as *qonnaan bulaa* under *qotuu*

**qotiinsa** Same as *qonnaa* under *qotuu*

**qotiisa** Same as *qonnaa* under *qotuu*

**qotiyyoo** *n* **1** yoke, i.e., a pair of oxen working together *har'a duwwaa qotiyyoo kudhaniin qotan* Today alone they plowed the field with ten yoke of oxen. **2** ox or oxen for plowing; see also *sangaa*

**qottoo** *n* its function is the same as that of an ax/axe or a hatchet but in the case of *qotto* the blade is inserted into a naturally bent wooden handle "*qottoon maal nu godhe gooboo keenyatu nu fixa malee*" *jedhe muki*. (saying) "What have the axes, i.e., the metal edge, done to us? It's our crook wooden handle that cuts/destroys us", said the trees. [betrayer]

**qottuu** See *qotuu*

**qotuu** *tv* 1 plow *lafa isa kana qotiyoo lamaan qote* He plowed this field with two yoke of oxen.

2 grow or raise crops *barana boqqolloon qota* This year I will grow corn. 3 bore or drill a hole in the ground *xaddeen asitti boolla*

*qottee* Porcupines bore a hole here. *lafa gadi fageessanii qotanii bishaan baasani* They drilled a deep hole in the ground and found water. 4 (used of root crop) lift, i.e., dig root crop up

*dinnicha kuntaala tokko qotee gabaatti geese* He lifted a quintal of potatoes and took it to the market. 5 cause to be skinny or emaciated *dhukkubi nama qota* A disease makes a person skinny.

**qochisiisuu** *tv* cause to plow or farm *mucaa xinnoo qochisiisaa oole* He made a small boy plow all day. **qonnaa** *n* 1 plow, i.e., plow land *qonnaa qalaadii tokko qaba* He has forty hectares of plow. 2 farming or plowing *qonnaan nama jabeessa* Farming makes a

person strong. 3 agriculture *qonnaa dhaan jiraanna* We depend on agriculture for our livelihood. **qonnaan bulaa** *n* farmer; see also *qottuu* below **qotachuu** *tv* farm, grow crop, or plow for self *dinnicha qotate* He grew or lifted potatoes for self. **qotamuu** *tv* (passive) be plowed, grown, drilled, or lifted *barana lafa baay'eetu qotame* A lot of land has been plowed this year. **qotiisa tokko** Same as *sangaa* (3) **qottuu** *n* farmer; clever at plowing with oxen

**qoxoqoxuu** *tv* scratch or dig the ground *lafa qoxoqoxee muka dhaabe* He dug or drilled the ground and planted a peg.

**qoyibuu** Same as *qobbuu*

**qoyirara** same as *gateettii* (2)

**qoyquu** Same as *qooquu*

**qoyxuu** Same as *qooqxuu*

**qoyyee** *n* vulture; see also *gobocoroo*

**qu'a** See *qu'uu*<sup>2</sup>

**qu'achuu** See *qu'uu*

**qu'amuu** See *qu'uu*<sup>2</sup>

**quba** *n* finger or toe **quba arkaa** *n* finger **quba miillaa** *n* toe

**qubaan nama bulchuu** *tv* (usu said of a bread-winner in a family) manage a household economically or sparingly by pinching pennies, stinting, or restricting the members of a family to a small allowance *dhirsi koo qubaan nu bulcha* My husband manages us sparingly or economically (by pinching

pennies). **quba dhabuu** *iv* be out of contact with sb; not communicate with; not hear of or not hear from *waa'ee ilma isee quba dhabdeetti* She is out of contact with her son. **quba namatti qabuu** *tv* 1 point at sb with the index finger *quba itti hin qabin* Don't point at him. 2 inform on or against; put the finger on sb *abbaa isaatu nama ajjeese jedhanii quba itti qaban* They put the finger on his father who had allegedly committed murder. **quba namatti raasuu** *tv* intimidate, menace, or threaten (usu by wagging the index finger up and down at sb) *maaliif quba natti raasa?* Why does he wag his finger at me? **quba qabaachuu** *iv* be in contact with; hear of/from sb *waa'ee ilma isee quba qabdii?* Does she hear from her son? *lakkii waa'ee ilma isee humaa quba hin qabdu* No, she doesn't hear from/of her son at all. **quba qabuu** *tv* (applies to those who have become Christians) sponsor a baby at its baptism and undertake to be its godfather or godmother *mucaa isaa anatu quba qabe* I was the one who stood godmother/godfather to his baby boy/girl. **qubdiqqaa** *n* little finger; see also *moggee* (1) **qubacha** See *qubachuu* **qubachiisuu** See *qubachuu* **qubachuu** *iv, tv* 1 (used of birds or insects) alight or perch, i.e.,

come down from the air and settle on sth *simbirroon ijoo manaa irra qubatte* The bird alighted or perched on the roof. 2 (used of airplanes or helicopters) land, i.e., alight upon a surface after a journey by air *rophilaaniin sila ganama qubate* The airplane landed this morning. 3 (of boats or ships) make landfall or land, i.e., come to the shore *dur dooniin baaroo irra dhufee Gambeela qubata ture* Ships used to travel on Baaroo River and land on the shore of Gambeelaa. 4 settle in a new place *namoonni Afaan Oromoo hin beekne ollaa keenya qubataniiiru* People who don't know the Oromo language have settled in our neighborhood. **qubacha** *n* 1 landing 2 settling *qubacha nama nuyi hin beekneetu ollaa keenya dhiiphise* Our neighborhood is crowded because of the settlement by many strangers. **qubachiisuu** *tv* (usu used of bees) cause to settle in a hive *iryaan koo barana gaagura baay'ee qubachiifate* My friend made bees to settle in many of his hives (by scenting and making the hives attractive). **qubata xayaaraa** *n* airport **qubannaa** Same as *qubacha* under *qubachuu* **qubbii** *n* sephulchral monument **qubee**<sup>1</sup> See *qubeessuu* **qubee**<sup>2</sup> Same as *qubeelaa* **qubeeffamuu** See *qubeessuu*

**qubeelaa** See *qubeeluu*

**qubeeluu** *tv* give a wedding ring as a promise to marry sb

**qubeelaa** *n* ring or band, i.e., band of copper, gold, ivory, silver, etc. worn around a finger as an ornament or as a token of engagement or marriage

**qubee margaa** *n* a grass ring given to a girl as an engagement promise, i.e., the fulfillment of such a contract/promise is optional; it is not binding

**qubeessuu** *tv* write *maal qubeessita*? What are you writing? **qubee** *n* alphabet, i.e., the system of letters with which Afaan Oromoo is written. There are 23 consonants and 10 vowels in Afaan Oromoo, and each letter regularly corresponds with one sound. So it is possible to call *qubee* a phonetic spelling; see the introduction section for further details. **qubeeffamuu** *tv* be written *xalayaan kun yoom qubeeffame*? When was this letter written?

**qublaa** *n, adj* **1** a castrated bull with only one functioning testicle *loon korma hin qabne qublaatu moowa* (saying) In the absence of a strong bull among cattle, a weak, castrated, one-testicled bull reigns [In a country of the blind, a one-eyed man is a king]. **2** short and weak; cowardly *namichattii qublaa kana balleessaa* Get rid of this cowardly man!

**qub lamee** Same as *kaatikaalaa*

**quca** See *quca'uu*

**qucaacii** *n* fiber, thread, or warp left on the border of cloth woven on a loom

**quca'uu** *tv* (used of one of the traditional methods of punishing thieves) traditionally, a thief used to be punished by burying his body below the neck, strewing the head with salt, and then making cattle lick off the salt from the head **quca** *n* traditional method of punishing a thief

**qucee** Same as *qolee*

**qucum gochuu** *tv* eat little because of insufficiency *foon xinnoo tokko qucum goone* We ate a small amount of meat.

**qucumii** *n* mouthful, i.e., a small amount to be eaten *foon qucumii naa kennite* She gave me only a mouthful of meat.

**qucumii** See *qucum gochuu*

**qucuuca** Same as *qiciicaa*

**qudaa** See *quda'uu*

**quda'uu** *tv* beat/hit, *usu* a domestic animal, with a stick so as to make the animal move faster, etc., *sangaa kana jala bu'ii quda'i* Go closer to the ox and beat him so that he can go faster. **qudaa** *n* **1** stick **2** a short piece of log for a fire

**qudhuu** *iv* **1** appreciate or approve of; be pleased with sb's success, happiness, etc., *awuu ani koleejii dhaa eebbifame haati koo hedduu naa qud<sup>h</sup>ite* When I

graduated from college, my mother was pleased very much  
2 give openheartedly; see also *kennuu*

**qudoo** *n* Same as *qudaa* under *quda'uu*

**qudoo abidda** Same as *xiifoo* or *libaallibsa* under *libaallibsuu*

**qufaa** See *qufa'uu*

**qufaasisuu** See *qufa'uu*

**qufa'uu** *iv* cough *eda qufa'aa bulte*  
She was coughing all night last night. **qufaa** 1 cough 2 tuberculosis or TB for short  
**qufaasisuu** *tv* cause to cough  
*barbareetu na qufaasise* It was pepper powder that made me cough.

**quhuu** *tv* knock on a door

**qulba** Same as *qublaa*

**qulchii** *n* a variety of a climbing plant

**qulfii** *n* 1 button 2 key 3 lock, usu padlock

**qullaa** *adj* 1 naked, nude, unclad, or undressed *qullaa ala him/im bayin* Don't go out naked. *qullaa bishaan daake* He swam in the nude. 2 (takes various forms of *ta'uu*) be without clothes; have no or lack clothes *ijoolleen koo qullaa taate woo maal godhu laata?* My children have no clothes; what shall I do? **arka qullaa** *adj* empty-handed, i.e., bearing no gift, weapon, possessions, etc., *arka qullaa mana isee deemtaa?* Are you going to her house empty-handed, i.e., without taking her a present? *arka qullaan qawwee*

*arkaa buuse* I made him drop his gun empty-handed. **qullaatti nama ambisuu** *tv* clean out/strip sb/sth of sth, i.e., deprive completely by robbing, stealing, taking, etc. everything one has; clean out sb/sth and make him/her poor *hattuun qullaatti na ambifte* A thief cleaned me out of everything, (and now I am poor).

**qullaawuu** *iv* (usu applies to land) be clear/clean *lafa isa qullaaye kana irratti shumburaa qonna* We will grow chick-peas on this cleared plot  
**qulleeffachuu** *tv* 1 clear/clean for self 2 *tv* cleanse the soul of sin *qulleeffachuuf waaqa kadhata* He is praying to cleanse his soul of sin. **qulleeffamuu** *tv* (passive) be cleared or cleaned  
**qulleessisuu** *tv* cause to clear/clean **qulleessuu** *tv* clear/clean *lafa isa kana qulleessinee shumburaa qonna* We will clear this plot and grow chick-peas on it. *kaleessa akkuma jirruun baanee laga keenya qulleessine* Yesterday we all went out in unison and cleaned our spring.

**qulleeffachuu** See *qullaawuu*

**qulleeffamuu** See *qullaawuu*

**qulleessisuu** See *qullaawuu*

**qulleessuu** See *qullaawuu*

**qullii** *adv* only *ana qulliitu dhufe* I am the only one who came, i.e., no one else.

**qullubbii adii** *n* garlic [allium sativum; amyrrillis family]  
**qullubbii baaroo** *n* imported onion having large, less pungent bulb than *qullubbii diimaa*  
**qullubbii daljeessaa** Same as *qullubbii waraabessaa*  
**qullubbii diimaa** *n* red onion [allium cepa; amaryllis family]  
**qullubbii waraabessaa** *n* inedible, wild onion-like plant or its bulb  
**qulqullaawuu** *iv* 1 be clean, i.e., be free from dirt after being washed or cleaned *wayyaan kun hin qulqulloofnee irra deebisii miicci* These clothes are not clean enough; wash them again. 2 (of land surface) be clear of forest, stubbles, etc., *lafti keenya qulqullaayeera* Our land is cleared. See also *qullaawuu*. 3 be clear of menstruation *har'an qulqullaaye* I stopped menstruating today, (so I'm clean now). **qulqullaayaa** *adj* (of land surface) clear  
**qulqulleeffachuu** *tv* 1 clean for self *kittaa koo miickeen qulqulleeffadhe* I washed my shirt and made it clean. 2 (of land surface) *lafa kana qulqulleeffadheen shumburaa qota* I will clear this plot of land and grow chick-peas on it. 3 winnow, i.e., free grains such as wheat, barley from chaff by fanning with wind *har'a qamadiin qulleeffadha* Today I will winnow wheat. **qulqulleessuu** *tv* 1 make clean *arka kee qulqulleessi dhiqqu* Wash your

hands properly and make them clean. 2 clear land surface *lafa qulqulleessutti jira* He is clearing the farm land. **qulqulluu** *adj* clean *burcuqqoo qulqulluu* a clean glass 2 honest, i.e., free from lying, cheating, stealing, etc.; upright *warrattiin sobduun sun nama qulqulluu maqaa balleessuu dhaaf tattaaffatu* Those liars are trying to tarnish/taint an honest man's name. 3 (of maize/corn) peeled, stripped, husked, or shucked *bogqolloo qulqulluu* husked corn; cf., *qolaan qolii/qolii qulqullummaa* *n* cleanliness; honesty *namni baay'een qulqullummaa isaatiif isa jaal'ata* Many people like him for his honesty.

**qulqullaayaa** See *qulqullaawuu*

**qulqulleeffachuu** See

*qulqullaawuu*

**qulqulleessuu** See *qulqullaawuu*

**qulqullii** Same as *qulqulluu* (3)

under *qulqullaawuu*

**qulqullummaa** See *qulqullaawuu*

**qulqulluu** See *qulqullaawuu*

**qululluu** Same as *moluu*

**quluu** *n* a gourd water bottle, having a rounded body and a narrow neck

**qul'uu** Same as *qulqulluu* under *qulqullaawuu*

**quluxa** Same as *dooluu* under *doolachuu*

**quluxeessuu** *tv* make short and stubby

**qulxa** Same as *ititaa* under *itituu*

**qulxaawuu** Same as *itituu*



**qulxeessuu** *tv* cause milk to curdle  
**qumaamee** See *qumaamuu*  
**qumaamuu** *tv* trim, i.e., make sth even by cutting away unwanted parts *mataa ulee keetii qumaami* Trim the upper end of your stick. **qumaamee** *adj* (usu of female humns) trim; short and beautiful *intala qumaamee* a short, beautiful girl

**qumbaa** **n** 1 root of a tree/corn stalk 2 a short jackass or a male donkey

**qumbaala** *n* a kind of tree  
**qumbaawoo** *n* a large, silver ring attached to a band/string and worn around the neck

**qumbii** *n* myrrh-like incense; gum/resin

**qumboo** *n* a small granary made of dung and kept in the house

**qumbullaa** See *qumbulleessuu*

**qumbulleessuu** *tv* bruise, i.e., cause the surface of the skin to swell *mucaa koo agaggee dhayee qumbulleesse* He hit my child hard and bruised him

**qumbullaa** *n* bruise *qumbullaa maddii isaa irraa agartee?* Did you see the bruise on his cheek?

**qumbulluu** *adj* (modifies sing., usu round object) big/large *bujaaalee qumbulluu tokko* a large chigger **quqqumbulluu** *adj* (modifies pl., usu round object) *bujalee quqqumbulluu lama* two big/large chiggers

**qumburii** *n* quality, local beer, usu brewed for the use of a household only

**qumburree** *adj* (of humans) small but cute *gurbaa qumburree* small, cute boy

**qumbursaa** *n* root-worm; grub or grub-worm, i.e., large, white worm with red mouth, usu found in cow dung or in wet straw or thatch

**qumbursii** Same as *qumbursaa*

**qumbursoo** Same as *qumbursaa*

**qummaada** See *qummaaduu*

**qummaaduu**<sup>1</sup> *iv* grumble because angry *niitiin gola teessee kan qummaaddu ijaa aarii dhirsa isee garaa dhaa qabduuf* The woman sits in the kitchen and grumbles because she is angry with her husband. **qummaada** *n* grumbling

**qummaaduu**<sup>2</sup> *iv* (usu used of grain soaked in water) sprout or germinate *biqilli koo qummaaduu jalqabeera* My grain (for beer) has malted. **qummaada** *n* sprouting or germination

**qummuudamuu** Same as

*qimmiidamuu* under *qimmiiduu*

**qummuuddaa** Same as *qimmiiddaa* under *qimmiiduu*

**qummuuddii** Same as *qimmiiddii* under *qimmiiduu*

**qummuudduu** *n* grass with sharp, pointed blade usu used in the construction of a bee-hive

**qummuuduu** Same as *qimmiiduu*

**qummuunsuu** Same as

*kummunsuu* under *kumunuu*

**qummuuxxoo** Same as *qummuudduu*  
**qumoo** Same as *quummoo*  
**qumqumuu** *tv* cut off the top of sth so as to make the spot where the cutting took place even and round *ulee kee qumqumii muri* Cut off a part of your stick so that the spot where the part had been cut off is even and round.  
**qumuxxullii** *n* a short, strong stick, usu used as a weapon; see also *dullaa*  
**qumxaa** *n* 1 shorts *ilmi koo qumxaa uffachuu jaal'ata* My little son likes to wear shorts. 2 a sack that can hold about 1/3 of a quintal  
**qun'aa** Same as *qunnaa*  
**qunaa** *n* law *qunaa Oromiyaa yoo hin kabajne ni/in adabamtu* If you don't respect Oromiyaa's law, you will be punished.  
**qunaasaa** *n* very bad odor *qunaasaa udaan jabbii* calf dung with bad odor  
**qunama** See *qunamuu*  
**qunamuu** *iv* be lucky; be fated *qabeenyaa argachuuuf ganama qunamu* One has to be fated to be rich. **qunama** *n* fate, i.e., power believed to control and decide events *qunama namaa isa ganamaa* a person's inherent fate  
**qunbulluu** Same as *qumbulluu*  
**qunbursaa** Same as *qumbursaa*  
**qunca'aa** See *qunca'uu*  
**quncaafachuu** Same as *quncifachuu* under *qunca'uu*  
**qunca'uu** *iv* peel; be husked or decorticated *dinnichi kun*

*qunca'uu dide* These potatoes do not peel. *boqqolloon qunca'ee* Is the corn husked? **qunca'aa** *adj* husked; peeled; shucked **qunce** *n* bark or rind of certain plants used as rope **quncifachuu** *tv* peel, husk, or shuck for self *boqqolloo isa mana boroo ofumaan quncifatte* She shucked the corn in the backyard herself. **quncisaa** *n* (of corn) shucking or corn *boqqolloo quncisaan jibba* I hate shucking corn. **quncisuu** *tv* 1 peel *dinnicha qunciftee fixxeettii?* Has she finished peeling the potatoes? 2 decorticate, husk, or shuck, i.e., remove the husk or pod from corn, beans, or peas *boqqolloo quncisanii gombisaatti galchan* They shucked the corn and stored it in the granary.

**quncee** See *qunca'uu*  
**quncifachuu** See *qunca'uu*  
**quncisaa** See *qunca'uu*  
**quncisuu** See *qunca'uu*  
**qundaa barbarree** Same as *qunda barbarree*  
**qunda barbarree** *n* black pepper  
**qundhamuu** See *qundhuu*  
**qundhuu** *iv* consent, agree, permit, or grant *fudhu si qundheera* I have given you permission; so take it  
**qundhamuu** *iv* get consent, agreement, or permission to do sth; allow or grant  
**qundoo barbarree** Same as *qunda barbarree*  
**qunduftii** Same as *araqee*  
**qunnaa** Same as *quunnaa*

**qunnii** *n* sedge-like, tall grass that grows by river

**qunqunfachuu** *iv* grumble, i.e., mumble in discontent *waanti ani kenneef duraa yarannaan*

**qunqunfattee** She grumbled because what I gave her fell short of her expectations.

**qunxaa** Same as *qumxaa*

**qunxaara** *n* a sack that can hold about ½ a quintal

**qunxullo** (vulgar) Same as *qunxurroo*

**qunxuraa** See *qunxuruu*

**qunxurachuu** See *qunxuruu*

**qunxurroo** (vulgar) *n* penis; genitals, male organ, or phallus

**qunxuruu** *tv* (used of bread, pancake, and the like) slice/cut off with the fingers *buddeena qunxurii naa kenni* Slice off some bread and give it to me.

**qunxuraa** *adj*, *n* slice *buddeena qunxuraa tokko naa kenni* Give me a slice of bread. **qunxurachuu** *tv* slice/cut off for/by self *buddeena qunxuradhuu nyaadhu* Slice off some bread for/by self and eat it.

**qunxuuxachuu** Same as *qimmiddachuu* under *qimmiiduu*

**qunxuuxamuu** Same as *qimmiidamuu* under *qimmiiduu*

**qunxuuxuu** Same as *qimmiiduu*

**qunxuuxxaa** Same as *qimmiiddaa* under *qimmiiduu*

**qunxuxxii** Same as *qimmiiddii* under *qimmiiduu*

**qupha** Same as *abadan*

**quphansuu** See *quphanuu*

**quphanuu** *iv* squat, i.e., sit on one's heels or put oneself in a crouching posture *abidda bukkee quphante* She squatted near the fire. **quphansuu** *n* squat, i.e., the act of squatting or a squatting or crouching posture *quphansuu dhaan taa'ee buna dhuge* He sat in a squatting posture and drank coffee.

**qupha'uu** (usu used of a cock) mount to copulate *kormaan haadhoo indaaqqoo qupha'e* The cock copulated the hen.

**quqqachuu** *iv* be hurt or offended *ni/in quqqatte* She's hurt/offended.

**quqqqumbulluu** See *qumbulluu*

**quqqqumma'uu** *iv* sprout *boqqolloon quqqqumma'eera* The corn seeds (in the ground) have sprouted. See also *biqiluu* (1)

**quqqquuqaa** *adj* (of tobacco) strong *timboo quqqquuqaa* strong tobacco

**quqqquuquu** *tv* (usu used of hair) begin to grow or sprout *areedi ilma keetii quqqquqeera* Your son's beard has begun to grow/sprout (for the first time).

**ququmee** *n* oval-like head of sorghum *misingaa ququmee* a round, oval-like head of sorghum

**ququmii** See *ququmsuu*

**quqummaachuu** Same as *qummaaduu*<sup>1</sup>

**quqummaaduu** *iv* smile *in/ni quqummaade malee hin kolfine* He just smiled; he did not laugh.

**quqummuuduu** Same as *qummaaduu*<sup>2</sup>

**ququmsuu** *tv* scrunch or crunch, i.e., crush parched grain, dry peas, chick-peas, etc. noisily with the teeth *baaqilaa ququmsiti* She is crunching dry horse beans.

**ququmii** *adj* (of an amount of parched or dry grain) small *akaayii ququmii tokko nyaadheen bishaan dhugee rafe* I ate a small amount of parched grain, drank water, and slept.

**quraa** *n* crow or raven; see also *arraagessa*

**quraan qurxaawuu** *iv* curdle *bukoon koo ni/in quraan qurxaaye* My dough has curdled, i.e., white bits float on it. **quraan qurxeessuu** *tv* cause to curdle **quraan qurxii** *n* Same as *guroo* (2)

**quranii** *n* barley, wheat, etc. stubble left on a farm after the crop has been harvested; see also *filaa*<sup>2</sup>

**qurcaawuu** *iv* get/have/catch leprosy; be a leper *ijoollummaa dhaan qurcaaye* He caught leprosy in his childhood. **qurceessuu** *tv* cause leprosy *maaltuu isa qurcesse?* What caused his leprosy? **qurcii** *n* 1 leper 2 leprosy **qurcooftuu** *adj* leprous, i.e., of a person infested with leprosy

**qurceessuu** See *qurcaawuu*

**qurchaawuu** Same as *qurcaawuu*

**qurchuu** Same as *qurcuu*

**qurcii** See *qurcaawuu*

**qurcooftuu** See *qurcaawuu*

**qurcuu** *n* 1 a person who has no fingers (due to leprosy); see also *dooluu* 2 a miserly person

**qurfa** Same as *quulfa*

**qurfoo** *n* an edible, wild tuber

**qurmuuna** Same as *halooba*

**quroo** *n* (usu salt or sugar) granulated; a lump of *ashaboo quroo bitte* She bought granulated salt.

**qurqufoo** Same as *qurfoo*

**qurqumii** Same as *kurkummii* under *kurkumuu*

**qurqumuu** Same as *kurkumuu*

**qurquraa** *n* a kind of tree the leaf of which is used for cleansing a corpse

**qurquree** *n* excrement of, usu rodents

**qurrama** *n* grumble, murmur, mutter, i.e., expression of discontent

**qurrubbaa** *n* human or animal disease that makes the victim shiver

**qursa** *n* dung of a young calf that has not started to eat grass; see also *quulfa*

**qursii** Same as *bultee* (2) under *buluu*

**qurundee** Same as *quququqaa*

**qurunfudii** *n* clove, i.e., spice

**qurunfullii** Same as *qurunfudii*

**quruxee** Same as *quuxxee*

**quruxii** Same as *quruxee*

**qurxaa** Same as *baqaqsaa* under *baqaquu*

**qurxamuu** See *qurxuu*

**qurxummii** *n* fish (probably the only cold-blooded, acuqatic vertebrate that Oromos would eat)

**qurxumtii** *n* a blood sucking worm; see also **kurkuduu** (1)

**qurxuu** *tv* (usu used of stick or wood) break into pieces **harreettii** **kanatti ulee itti qurxi** Hit this donkey hard enough (to the point of breadking the stick with which you hit it). **qurxamuu** *tv* (passive) be broken, usu into two pieces **uleen koo ni/in qurxame** My stick is broken into two pieces.

**qusachuu** *iv*, *tv* 1 be thrifty or frugal; economize **yoo qusatte shukkaarri kiiloon tokko guyyaa kudhan si gaya** If you economize, a kilogram of sugar woul last you ten days. 2 use clothes, shoes, etc., in such a way that they last long **kittaa kee qusadhu** Use your shirt in such a way that it will last long. 3 spare oneself, i.e., refrain from making great demands upon one's energy, time, etc., **inni humna isaa hin qusatu** He doesn't spare himself. **nama qusachuu** *tv* spare, i.e., hit sb mercifully or leniently **si qusate malee si ajjeesuu ni/in danda'a ture** He was lenient with you; if he wanted to he could have killed you. **namaa qusachuu** *tv* spare, usu food and drinks, for sb **nyaata kana na jalaa hin fixin; naa qusadhu** Do not finish this food; spare some for

me, too. **qusachiisuu** *tv* cause sb to practise economizing  
**qusannaa** *n* frugality, thrift, or economizing **qusannaa baruu nu barbaachisa** We have to learn to economize. **qusatamuu** *tv* (passive) be economized **galaan kun yoo qusatame malee torbaniin nu hin gawu** Unless economized these provisions won't last us a week.

**qusacha** Same as **qusannaa** under **qusachuu**

**qusannaa** See **qusachuu**

**qusannoo** Same as **qusannaa** under **qusachuu**

**qusata** Same as **qusannaa** under **qusachuu**

**qusatamuu** See **qusachuu**

**qushuree** *adj* (usu used of children) beautiful; handsome or good-looking **intala qushuree a beautifl little girl**

**qusii** Same as **qusannaa** under **qusachuu**

**quubsuu** Same as **quufsuu** under **quufuu**

**quucara** See **quucaruu**

**quucaree** See **quucaruu**

**quucarsuu** See **quucaruu**

**quucaruu** *iv* 1 be undersized or be stunted, i.e., not grow or develop physically **mucaan isee ni/in quucare** Her child is stunted (in his/her growth) and undersized. 2 squat **quucaree taa'e** He squatted. See also **quphanuu**  
**quucara** *n* squatting; sitting **al tokko quucara jalqabnaan namni achii isa sochoosu hin jiru** Once he

starts sitting there, no one can move him. **quucaree** *adj* stunted; undersized *gurbaa quucaree* an undersized boy **quucarsuu** *tv* stunt *dhukkubatu mucaa koo quucarse* Disease stunted my child.

**quudhuu** *tv* acknowledge, i.e., admit or accept that a fact or a situation is true *ati nama jabaa ta'uu kee sii quudhe* I admit that you are strong.

**quufa** See *quufuu*

**quufsuu** See *quufuu*

**quuftuu** See *quufuu*

**quufuu** *iv, tv* 1 (applies to food or drink) be full or be satiated *ani nyaata hin quufnee naa dabli* I am not satisfied; give me some more food. 2 be conceited and recalcitrant *gurbaa kun quufeeraa adabaa* This boy has become recalcitrant; you should discipline him. 3 (usu negative) quench or satisfy one's desire of being with a loved one after a long separation *mucaa koo argee atuun hin quufin deebi'ee deeme* My son went back before we had enough time to be together.

**quufa** *n* 1 (of crops, food item, etc.) abundance, i.e., absence of hunger; affluence or prosperity *barana quufa* This is a year of abundance, i.e., there is plenty to eat. 2 goiter/struma **quufsuu** *tv* 1 feed one until he/she is full *foon na quufsite* She/You fed me meat until I was full. 2 fill, satisfy, suffice *daaboon kun nan*

(*na hin*) *quufsine* This bread hasn't sufficed/satisfied me.

**quuftuu** *adj* (of a person) [usu as a result of being affluent] defiant; over-confident

**quulfa** *n* calf dung

**quummoo** *n* tender and thick stalk of local cabbage *quummoo raafuu* tender, thick stalk of local cabbage

**quun'aa** Same as *quunnaa*

**quuna'uu** Same as *niinna'uu*

**quunnaa** *n* bowl, usu made of wood or woven straw, used for measuring grain. It holds about 1/5 of a quintal

**quunnamtii** See *quunnamuu*

**quunnamuu** *iv* meet with and communicate, i.e., exchange or interchange thoughts, feelings, information, etc. **quunnamtii** *n* the exchanging of information, ideas, feelings, etc.

**quunxee** (vulgar) Same as *quunxii*

**quunxii** *n* (vulgar) penis, usu of small boys

**quuqaa** See *quuquu*

**quuqamuu** See *quuquu*

**quuqabee** *n* a voluntary association of a number of persons each of whom contributes a sum of money, usu every month, to receive a lump sum later when it is one's turn to get it

**quuquu** *iv, tv* 1 (used of a rough surface, usu of a hard, uncomfortable bed) be too rough and uncomfortable to sit/sleep on *eda sireen na quuqee irriba na*

*dhowwe* The bed was too rough and uncomfortable, so I didn't sleep well last night. 2 hurt sb's feelings, usu through sarcasm *namichi dubbii keessa na quuqe* The man hurt my feelings sarcastically. **quuqaa** *adj, n* 1 rough, hard, and uncomfortable *siree quuqaa hard bed quuqaa siree kanaatu rafitii na dhowwe* I couldn't sleep properly because of the hardness of this bed. *quuqaa cinaacha jalaa abbaatu beeka* (saying) The roughness that is under one's ribs, the person who lies on it knows [No one else knows the problems of an individual or society better than the one affected by the problems] 2 grudge, sore point *quuqaa garaa keessaa qabdi* She bears a deep-rooted grudge. *har'a namni quuqaa garaa itti himatanu hin jiruu* These days, there is no one with whom one can discuss one's sore point/subject 3 Same as *kaboochuu* **quuqamuu** *tv* (passive) [of a person] be uncomfortable due to rough surface on which one sits or sleeps

**quuraa** *n* a bowl-like deep plate for serving food

**quura'uu** Same as *gola'u*

**quurba'uu** Same as *gola'uu*

**quurii** Same as *qom jalloo*

**quuroo** Same as *arraagessa*

**quurrama** Same as *qoorrama*

**quurruu** *adj, n* hump-back(ed); see also *kuubuu*

**quusa'uu** Same as *kurkumuu*

**qu'uu**<sup>1</sup> *tv* study or examine sth over and over in order to commit it to memory

**qu'achuu** *tv* memorize for self

**qu'uu**<sup>2</sup> *iv* 1 produce a guttural sound that signifies contempt, disrespect *na qu'e* He showed disrespect for me or he despised me by using the symbolic guttural sound. 2 ill-treat, oppress, or trample on sb; see also *cunqursuu* (2) **qu'a** *n* oppression **qu'amuu** *tv* (passive) be illtreated, oppressed; be trampled on

**quuxxee** *n* (usu small children's) excrement, faeces, feces, or stool *daljeessi quuxxee buusee baqate* The baboon shit/shat and ran away in great fear.

**quwaa jechuu** *iv* make noise/sound similar to that when sth is hit or broken *uuroon koo quwaa jedhee cabe* My jar broke with noise

**quwaasuu** *tv* (used of a whip) crack *qaccee quwaase* He cracked a whip. See also *xaaxessuu* under *xaaxa'uu*

**quwachuu** See *quwuu*

**quwee** See *quwuu*

**quwusa** Same as *quyisa*

**quwusuu** Same as *quyisuu*

**quwuu** *tv* chop/hit; bully *mucaa*

*koo quwaa oole* He was

hitting/bullying my child all

day. *gufuu quwaa oolte* She was

hitting or chopping the stump all day (to get firewood from it). **quwachuu** *tv* chop for self **quwee** *n* sound/noise one hears when usu dry, hard wood is split or cut *dhagaraa ergisanii quwee isaa hin caqasan* (saying) After lending an ax, one should not listen to the noise produced when the ax is used for splitting wood. [If *quwee* irritates you, don't lend an ax! Don't invite trouble!]

**quxaa** *n* bud or shoot usu of pumpkin *quxaa buqqee* pumpkin bud/shoot; see also *cuuraa* under *cuurachuu*

**quxala** *adj* tiny; small *dhalattuun reettii quxala* A goat's baby is tiny/small.

**quxalaawuu** *iv* 1 be eager or be ready, physically and psychologically, usu for work *quxalaayii ojii dhaaf kottu* Be mentally and physically ready for work and come, e.g., by wearing the right work clothes. 2 be on the alert, on the look out, be vigilant, or be on guard/on one's guard *diina keessan quxalaayaa eeggadhaa* Be on your guard against your enemies. **quxalee** *adj* alert, vigilant, or vigorous and energetic *namichi kun quxalee dha* This man is alert and vigilant. 3 shorts; see also *qumxaa*

**quxalee** See *quxalaawuu*

**quxisuu** *adj, n* 1 (usu of animals or humans) junior or younger, i.e.,

younger in age than another *obbolleettiin iseen quxisuu isaa koolejii jirti* His younger sister is in college. *inni waggaa shaniin quxisuu kooti* He is my junior by five years. 2 last, i.e., the youngest child *ijoollee keessan hunda keessaa inni quxisuun isa kam?* Of all your children, which one is the youngest?

**quxusuu** Same as *quxisuu*

**quxxii** *n* beverage, i.e., boiled green coffee leaves drunk hot, usu with milk

**quxxisuu** Same as *sassatuu* (1)

**quyifachuu** See *quyisuu*

**quyifamuu** See *quyisuu*

**quyisa** See *quyisuu*

**quyisaa** See *quyisuu*

**quyisuu** *tv* apply cosmetic to hair or skin *intala isee quyistee gabaatti ergite* She applied cosmetic to her daughter's skin and hair and sent her to the market.

**quyifachuu** *tv* apply cosmetic for self **quyifamuu** *tv* (passive) be made beautiful after applying cosmetic to one's skin or hair; see also *dibuu quyisa* *n* cosmetic, i.e., preparation such as oil and butter for beautifying the skin or the hair **quyyisaa** *n* cosmetic such as butter and oil 2 oil seed, e.g. castor bean, cotton seed, and sesame

**quyyisaa** See *quyisuu*

**quyyisuu** Same as *quyisuu*



# r/R

**-ra** (applies to 1<sup>st</sup> person, pl)

When suffixed to verbs that end in **-ruu**, it indicates simple present/future tense (*baruu*)  
*in/ni barra* We will know (*haruu*)  
*har'a laga harra* We clean/will clean the spring today. (*туруu*)  
*asi turra* We wait/will wait here.

**raabsa** See *raabsuu*

**raabsachuu** See *raabsuu*

**raabsamuu** See *raabsuu*

**raabsisuu** See *raabsuu*

**raabsuu** *tv* 1 distribute *gurbaa isa kamtu kaleessa gaazeexaa raabse?* Which boy distributed the newspapers yesterday? 2 Same as *raamsuu* **raabsa** *n* distribution **raabsachuu** *tv* distribute for self **raabsamuu** *tv* (passive) be distributed **raabsisuu** *tv* cause to distribute

**raacha** *n* 1 frog 2 Same as *naacha*

**raacitii**<sup>1</sup> *n* ferment, leaven, or yeast used as an ingredient in dough to produce fermentation; see also *mooqa* (1) under *mooquu*

**raacitii**<sup>2</sup> *adj* (of persons) worthless; good for nothing *namichi raacitiin kun rafiitii malee ojii hin jaal'atu* This worthless man likes to sleep; he doesn't like to work.

**raada** *n* 1 heifer 2 a young, female calf *sa'i kee raada mo dibicha dhalte?* Did your cow drop a female calf or male?

**raadiyoonii** *n* radio *raadiyoonii irraan dhagaye* I heard it on the radio.

**raafamuu** See *raasuu*

**raafuu** *n* cabbage; borecole, or kale *kutataa bishaan raafuutu gabbisa* (saying) A determined man can still be healthy and strong even though he lives on cabbage broth! **raafuu nama godhuu** *tv* beat or defeat, usu applies to the act of defeating many persons by one or few persons *qobaa koon raafuu jara godhe* I defeated them all single-handed.

**raaga** See *raaguu*<sup>1</sup>

**raagduu** See *raaguu*<sup>1</sup>

**raagoo** Same as *maanguddoo*

**raaguu**<sup>1</sup> *iv* divine, foretell, prophesy, or soothsay, i.e., make predictions by divine inspiration *jaarsi tokko tokko ni/in raaga* Some elderly men can foretell or predict. **raaga** *adj*, *n* 1 good news, glad tidings *gurri kee raaga ha dhagawu* May you hear good news 2 peace and comfort *raagaan jiraadhu* May you live in peace and comfort. 3 old and wise *inni raaga* He is old and wise. 4 divination or prophecy *raagni akaakayyuun koo dubbate hundinuu dhugaa ta'ee argame* My grandfather's prophecy turned out to be correct. **raagduu** *n* (usu of females) foreteller, prophet, or soothsayer

**raaguu**<sup>2</sup> *iv* get/become well-established socially; be rich *asumatti dhalatee asumatti raage* He was born here and became well-established/rich here.

**raajeffachuu** *iv* 1 taboo, i.e., refrain from doing sth on religious grounds *mana reeffi jiru seenuu raajeffata* He taboos entering a room in which there is a corpse. 2 marvel or wonder

**raajii** *n* 1 marvel, miracle, surprise, or wonder *muka dheeraa kana irraa kufee du'a ooluun isaa raajii dha* It is a miracle that he escaped death after falling from such a tall tree. 2 Same as *raaga* (4) under *raaguu* **raajii**

**baafachuu** *iv* perform religious ritual to absolve oneself after doing sth that has been tabooed *reeffa eega kafanee booda raajii baafate* He performed religious ritual after shrouding a corpse, an act that he used to taboo **raajii dubbachuu** Same as *raaguu*

**raajjuu** Same as *raagduu* under *raaguu*

**raajuu** Same as *raaguu*

**raamachuu** *tv* give or donate money, food item, etc., to the needy *waanuma qabduu naa raamadhu* Give me whatever you can, I'm needy.

**raamata** *n* 1 alms or charity, i.e., sth that is given to help the needy; gift *kun raamata waaqaati* This is a gift from God. 2 (said of sth that lasts because it is believed to be consecrated or blessed) blessed or consecrated *midhaan kun raamata qaba* This food is blessed (that is why, although of small quantity in

itself, it has been enough for all of us.

**raamata** See *raamachuu*

**raamma'aa** See *raamma'uu*

**raamma'uu** *iv* (usu used of meat, fruit, wound/sore, or anything that develops worms when it spoils) be spoiled or rotten *foon kun raamma'eera; gadi baasii gati* This meat has gone bad (there are worms in it); take it out and throw it away. **raamma'aa** *adj* (of meat, fruit, etc.,) full of worms; spoiled; rotten *foon raamma'aa kana gati* Throw away this spoiled meat. **raammeessuu** *tv* cause to spoil/rotten/have worms *kookii achii tuultee raammesite* You made the peaches develop worms by piling them there. **raammoftuu** *adj* (diminutive) infested with worms; rotten or spoiled *foon raammoftuu* insignificant quantity of spoiled meat **raammoo** *n* 1 worm; earthworm 2 (neologism) germ or microbe

**raammessuu** See *raamma'uu*

**raammoftuu** See *raamma'uu*

**raammoo** See *raamma'uu*

**raamsa** See *raamsuu*

**raamsuu** *tv* 1 spray or spatter liquid on/over sth/sb *intalli kun bishaan natti raamsite* This girl spattered me with water. 2 (fig) fritter away, squander, or waste money *horii kee idduma argitetti hin raamsin* Don't fritter away your money everywhere. **ciraa dhaan raamsuu** *tv* (fig) [used of

small quantity of beer, liquor, etc.,] distribute *farsoon wal gawuu didnaan ciraa dhaan keessummaa isaatti raamse* Because the beer was not enough to go round, he gave his guests a drop each (lit. He sprayed tiny drops of beer with brush to make it go round). **raamsa** *n* (superstition) sth, usu fresh milk, that is spattered (as a gift to a deity) *ilaa kun raamsa keeti yaa maddaa yaa margaa* (said by a woman while spattering milk with her fingers towards a river and a grazing area) This milk that I'm spattering is for you, river and grazing field from which my cow, which gave me this milk, drank and on which she grazed.

**raamuu** *tv* (usu leaves and grass) eat, devour, or munch *arbi baala raama* An elephant deavours leaves.

**raarattii** *n* bat, i.e., a nocturnal, mouse-like bird; see also *simbira alkanii*

**raaree** *n* 1 puddle, i.e., a small pool of dirty, stagnant rain water, usu seen on a road 2 (of landscape) plane, i.e., flat or level expanse of land

**raasaa** *n* plain land in a valley

**raasamuu** Same as *raafamuu* under *raasuu*

**raasuu** *tv* 1 (usu applies to what stands upright or erect) shake, i.e., cause to move from side to side or to and fro *qilleensi muka raase* The wind shook the tree. 2

wag or waggle *sareen eegee raase* The dog wagged its tail. *maaliif quba natti raafti?* Why does she waggle her index finger at me, i.e., why does she threaten/intimidate me? 3 churn *ro'oo raasteettii?* Has she churned the cream, i.e., has she made butter by shaking the churn in which there is cream? **raafamuu** *tv* (passive) [of milk] 1 be churned to obtain cream *ro'oon raafameeraa?* Has the churn with the milk in it been churned? 2 (used of teeth) be loose *ilkaan isaa raafameera* His tooth is loose. 3 (usu takes *garaa*) be moved by sth, i.e., feel sad or sympathy for sb *rakkinni daa'inaa hedduu garaa na raasa* The suffering of babies move me profoundly.

**raata'aa** See *raata'uu*

**raata'uu** *iv* 1 bother, i.e., inconvenience oneself; trouble *abadu; hin raata'in* If it is lost, don't bother or trouble to find it. *sa'a barbaacha raata'aa oole* He had been going through hardships all day in order to find the lost cow. 2 become /be insane; be out of one's wits *namichi kun raata'eera* This man is out of his wits. **raata'aa** *adj* (of male humans) crazy, lunatic, mad or extremely foolish or stupid *raata'aa dha humtuu hin galuuf* He is foolish; he cannot understand anything. **raatessuu** *tv* 1 bother, inconvenience, or trouble sb *saani koo baddee na raatessite* My

cow disappeared and caused me a lot of trouble (because I had to look for her all over the place). **2** cause to be crazy/mad *qorichaan isa raatessan* They drugged him and made him crazy. **raaftuu** *adj* (of persons) crazy, insane, or mad; foolish or stupid **raatuu** *adj* **1** (usu of babies or small children) innocent, i.e., knowing nothing of evil or wrong; amoral *mucaa raatuu* an innocent child **2** foolish and confused *namicha raatu kanatti hin eerumu* I won't marry this foolish and confused man.

**raatessuu** See *raaata'uu*

**raaftuu** See *raatuu*

**raatuu** See *raata'uu*

**raaw'achiisuu** See *raaw'achuu*

**raaw'achuu** *iv* **1** be finished, completed, come to an end, or be finished *yaa'iin raaw'ateeraa?* Is the meeting over? *nyaata raaw'atanii?* Have they finished eating? *ojii isa jalqabde kana osoo hin raaw'atin hin deemtu* You won't leave before you complete the work you have started to do. **2** die or about to die *lubbuun isaa raaw'ateera* He is dead (lit. His heart is finished). **raaw'achiisuu** *tv* **1** cause to complete or finish *ojii isan jalqabe kana ilma koo waamii naa raaw'achiisi* Call my son and have him finish the work I have started to do. **2** finish off, i.e., kill a person or an animal that is already hurt *waraantee dhiiftee hin deemin;*

*raaw'achiisi* Don't stab him and leave; finish him off.

**raawuu** (vulgar) [used of persons] *tv* make love to; *haadha raawu* mother fucker **raayamtuu** *adj* of a woman who likes sex excessively

**raayamtuu** (vulgar) See *raawuu*

**raayyaa** *n* vanguard army

**rabbi** *n* God *adaraa rabbii na dhiisi*

Please, in the name of God, leave me alone. See also *waaqa*

**raffisuu** See *rafuu*

**rafiitii** See *rafuu*

**rafuu** *iv* sleep; fall asleep; get to sleep *akka reeffaa rafa* He sleeps like a top, a log, or a child (lit. he sleeps like a corpse). *eda ani baay'ee hin rafne* I didn't sleep much last night. *eda ani tasa hin rafne* I didn't sleep a wink last night. *rafteetti moo ni/in dhageessi?* Has she fallen asleep or awake? **raffisuu** *tv* (usu of babies) **1** cause to sleep (by taking them to bed, by singing to them, etc.) *turaa dura mucaan raffisaa* Wait, let me first make the baby sleep. **2** induce sleep; cause to make sb feel drowsy or sleepy *qorichi tokko tokko nama raffisa* Some medicines make one feel drowsy. **rafiitii** *n* sleep *rafiitii jaal'ata* He likes sleep. *rafiitii keessa haasa'a/deema* He talks or walks while asleep. *atuu ani rafiitii koo hin fixin/quufin na dammaqsite* She/You woke me up before I had my sleep out.

**ragaa** *n* evidence, proof, testimony, or witness *ashaaraan isaa ragaa dha* His finger-print is an evidence. **raga bawuu** *iv* give evidence or be witness to sth *awuun birri dhibba liqeesseefi namni arge hin jiru; kanaaf nama ragaa naa bawuu hin qabu*. I don't have anybody who would witness to his borrowing one hundred birri from me.

**ragada** See *ragaduu*

**ragadduu** See *ragaduu*

**ragaduu** *iv* dance *intala kootti*

*ragade* He danced with my daughter. **ragada** *n* dance

**ragadduu** (usu of females) dancer

**ragafuu** Same as *garafuu*<sup>1</sup>

**raggaasisuu** See *ragga'uu*

**raggaasuu** See *ragga'uu*

**ragga'uu** *iv* (usu of decision) be confirmed, endorsed, or upheld  
**raggaasisuu** *tv* cause to be confirmed or upheld **raggaasuu** *tv* confirm, endorse, or uphold  
*abbaan alangaa inni olumaa olii murticha naa raggaaseera* The supreme court judge has upheld the decision or verdict that had been made/ brought in/ on my behalf.

**rahaa** *n* advantage or use, i.e., usefulness or advantage that sth gives *kun rahaa hin qabu* This has no use.

**rahaana** Same as *bassoobilaa*

**rajaa** *n* coffee dregs; see also *siicoo*

**rajiiijii** *n* spleen *foon lakkaayi jennaan gowwaan rajiiijin tokko*

*jedhe* (humor) When asked to count the kinds of quality meat, a fool said, "One, spleen..."!

**rajoo** Same as *rajiiiii*

**rakablee** *n* a kind of porridge

**rakablee** Same as *rakabilee*

**rakasa** See *rakasuu*

**rakasuu** *iv* be/ become cheap or inexpensive; come down or fall in price *har'a oolaan rakaseera* Today the price of sheep has come down. **rakasa** *adj* (of sth) cheap, i.e., low in price and good value for the money spent on it *oolaa kana rakasan bite* I bought this sheep cheap. *har'a hoolaa irra reettiitu rakasa* Today goats are cheaper than sheep.

**rakhuu** Same as *nama qooduu* under *qooduu*

**rakisuu** Same as *rakasuu*

**rakkachuu** *iv* 1 be in difficulty or have a problem, usu due to lack of assistance, money, property, tools, time, etc., *horii dhabee rakkate* He was in difficulty because he had no money. *mana dhabdee rakkatte* She/You was/ were in difficulty because she/ you could not find a house. 2 (takes + *tti*) *tv* be stuck, i.e., in a gap *lafeetu qoonqoo isaatti rakkate* A bone got stuck in his throat. **rakkataa** *adj* (of male humans) impecunious, indigent, needy, penurious, poor, or poverty-stricken; deserving and needing help/ assistance or sympathy due to lack of necessities of life *rakkataan buqqee kudha shan baata*

(saying) A poor man in trouble carries fifteen pumpkins. [It's difficult to carry even one pumpkin, yet a poor man agrees to carry fifteen in order to survive!] **rakkattuu** *adj* (of persons) miserable, poor, or poverty-stricken; deserving help or sympathy *niitii/namicha rakkattuu kana akkamitti gargaarra?* How can we help this poor woman/man? **rakkina** *n* difficulty, poverty, or problem *rakkinni kee maayinni?* What is your problem? *ani umaa rakkina hin qabu* I have no problem at all. *rakkinni koo rakkina; haati manaa koo ammas ulfa* (saying) My problem is endless; my wife is pregnant again. **rakkisaa** *adj* problematic or problematical, i.e., difficult to solve *dubbiin kun rakkisaa dha; hiikaa hin qabu* This matter is problematic; it has no solution. **rakkisuu** *tv* trouble, i.e., cause discomfort or inconvenience; pester *qufaan gadheen kun hedduu na rakkiseera* This terrible cough is bothering me a lot.

**rakkataa** See *rakkachuu*

**rakkattuu** See *rakkachuu*

**rakkina** See *rakkachuu*

**rakkisaa** See as *rakkachuu*

**rakkisuu** See as *rakkisuu*

**rakoo** Same as **rakkina** under *rakkachuu*

**rakoo** *n* an animal, usu a sheep or a goat, that is slaughtered for welcoming a bride who must

step on its blood before entering her new home **rakoo qaluu** *tv* (used of a bridegroom) kill/sacrifice a goat or a sheep just before the bride enters a room of her new home (so that the marriage will be successful) *awuu misiroon ol seente rakoo maal qale?* What did the bridegroom kill as a sacrifice when the bride was brought in?

**ramacii** *n* embers; hot ash

**ramadaana** *n* Ramadan, i.e., the daily fast enjoined by Muslims from dawn until sunset in the ninth month of Islamic calendar

**ramadamuu** See *ramaduu*

**ramaddii** See *ramaduu*

**ramaduu** *tv* **1** assign sb to do a piece of work *nyaata qopheessuu dhaaf nama lama ramadan* They assigned two people to prepare food. **2** assign sb to a particular place to work there *Goretti ramadame* He was assigned to Gore. **ramadamuu** *tv* (passive) be assigned to do a piece of work or to a place *obboleessi kee eessatti ramadame?* Where was your brother assigned to? *nyaata qopheessuu dhaaf nama meeqatu ramadame?* How many persons were assigned to prepare food? **ramaddii** *n* assignment

**randa** *n* **1** loins of animals; joint of meat including the loins; bottom, i.e., the part of animals' body around the tail **2** slope

**randee** Same as *randa*

**randoo** Same as *randa*

**raphisa** *n* a variety of song and dance

**raphraphee** *n* leaf or foliage that has fallen from trees

**raqa** *n* decomposed/rotten carcass or carrion that smells awful *waraabessi raqa nyaata* Hyenas eat carrion. **raqa raqa jechuu** *iv* smell real bad; stink; smell like rotten carcass or carrion

**raqraqa**<sup>1</sup> Same as *dhadhaqii*

**raqraqa**<sup>2</sup> See *raqraquu*

**raqraquu** *iv* (of drinking,usu glass cups) be cracked **raqraqa** *n* cracks on vessels such as drinking glasses

**rarachuu** *tv* 1 line sth up side by side *foon jaji'ee rarate* He jerked the meat and lined it up (on a string to dry it). 2 leave a place bag and baggage (after wrapping one's belonging in a sheep's skin) *raratee biyyaa baye* He left the village bag and baggage.

**ramuu** *tv* 1 (of untanned skin of animals) be folded *gogaan kun sirriitti hin raramne* This skin is not folded properly. 2 (of skin) be put on a pack animal's back to serve as a cushion **raroo** *n* untanned sheep, goat, or deer skin dried and used as a carpet or a mat for sitting on

**raroo** See *raramuu*

**rarraafachuu** See *rarra'uu*

**rarraasisuu** See *rarra'uu*

**rarraasuu** See *rarra'uu*

**rarraatoo** *n* rope or leather strap with which sth is hung

**rarra'uu** *iv* 1 hang down from sth, i.e., be attached or be held from above, with no support from below; swing oneself from above *damee mukaatti rarra'e* He swung himself from a branch of a tree. 2 hang on/cling to *wayyaa kootti rarraatee na gadhiisuu didde* She clung to my clothes and refused to let me go. **rarraafachuu** *tv* 1 hang sth at the top of sth for self. *kootii kee rarraafadhu* Hang your coat up on (sth like a hook). 2 sling sth over one's back or shoulder *ba'aa kee gateettiitti rarraafatte moo mataatti baatte?*

Did you sling your load on your shoulders or did you carry it on your head? **rarraasisuu** *tv* cause to hang *gaagura shan na rarraasisse* He made me hang five beehives for him. **rarraasuu** *tv* 1 hang, i.e., support or suspend sth from *bosoonuu ajjeesanii rarraasanii baatan* They killed an antelope, suspended it on a pole, and carried it. 2 execute by suspending by the neck *ofi rarraafte* She hanged herself. *namicha isa nama ajjeese sana ni/in rarraasani moo qawwee dhaan ajjeesani?* Did they hang the murderer or did they shoot him? See also *fannisu*

**rarsiisuu** See *raruu*

**raruu** *iv, tv* 1 (used of animal skin or gourd) adorn, decorate, or embellish by putting design or

pattern on *yandee raraa jira* He is putting a design on the hide (after removing the hair). 2 draw; write *waraqata naa rare* He wrote a letter for me. 3 put cushion (usu animal skin) between load and skin of pack animals to prevent abrasion 4 roll up, usu leather mats *raroo walitti rari* Roll up the leather mat. 5 return sth taken/borrowed (doesn't apply to money) *isa fudhatte sana naa rari* Return the thing that you took from me. 6 vomit *nyaati itti hin tolle; kanaaf rare* The food he ate did not agree with him; that's why he vomited. **rarsiisuu** *tv* cause to put design on gourd or hide, put cushion on, roll up, or cause to vomit *yandee koo naa rarsiisi* Have him put a design on my hide. **rasaarrasa** *n* a dance involving kneeling down, facing a partner, and touching each other's forehead **rasaasa** *n* ammunition, bullet, or shell fired from guns, revolvers, etc. **rasaasaa** Same as *rasaasa* **rashii** *n* shotgun *rashii dhaan al tokko gogorrii hedduu ajjeese* He killed many partridges simultaneously with a shotgun **ratta'amu** See *ratta'uu* **ratta'uu** *tv* (used of court case) win *obboleessa kootu ratta'e* My brother won his case in court. **rattaasisuu** *tv* cause to win a court case **ratta'amu** *tv*

(passive) lose a court case *ni/in ratta'e moo ni/in ratta'ame?* Did he win or lose the case? See also *moowuu* and *moowamuu*

**raxaa** Same as *wasasaa*

**-re** (applies to 1<sup>st</sup> person, pl only) suffixed to verbs that end in *-ruu*, it indicates the simple past tense (*aaruu*) *ni/in aarre* We became angry. (*qaruu*) *eeboo qarre* We sharpened a spear.

**ree** (expression) [occurs at the end of an interrogative sentence] then, i.e., in that case or that being so/the case Speaker A: *lakkii sun sangaa mitii* No, that is not an ox. Speaker B: *maayinni ree?* Then, what is it? Speaker A: *kun keetii ree?* Is this yours then? Speaker B: *kan eenyuuti ree?* Then, whose is it? (Of course, it's mine).

**reeba'muu** See *reeba'uu*

**reebaasisuu** See *reeba'uu*

**reebamuu** See *reebuu*

**reeba'uu** *tv* 1 cultivate or till virgin land for the first time; see also *baqaqsuu* (2) under *baqaquu* 2 cultivate land to fine dust or tilth before sowing seeds on it *lafa reeba'e* He cultivated the land to a fine tilth or for the first time. See also *bulleessuu* under *bullaaawuu* **reeba'muu** *tv* 1 (passive) cultivated 2 (of virgin land) be cultivated or tilled for the first time **reebaasisuu** *tv* cause to cultivate land

**reebbachuu**<sup>1</sup> See *reebuu*



**reebbachuu**<sup>2</sup> *tv* insist on gambling until loser regains the money lost to opponent *birri shan nyaatamtee dhiiftaa reebbadhu malee* How can you ignore the five birri you lost! Keep on gambling until you win back your money.

**reebicha** See *reebuu*

**reebiinsa** Same as *reebicha* under *reebuu*

**reebsisuu** See *reebuu*

**reebuu** *iv, tv* 1 (applies to humans) beat up, cane, hit, spank, strike, or beat sb hollow, i.e., hit sb with a stick repeatedly *eda haadha manaa isaa reebe* He beat up his wife last night. 2 (used of rain) make wet to the skin *bokkaatu na reebe* I got wet to the skin in the rain. 3 run or go (towards); follow *mucaan haadha reebate* The child ran towards his/her mother. **reebamuu** *tv* 1 (passive) be hit or be beaten up *waan balleessite him/im beeku malee obboleettin koo eda reebamteetti*. I don't know what she did, but my sister was spanked last night. 2 be followed, usu by sb who runs **reebbachuu** *tv* 1 beat one's child or family member in order to discipline him/her 2 run and follow to catch up with *isa qaqqabee itti himuu dhaafan reebbadhe* I ran to catch up with him and tell him sth. **reebicha** *n* 1 beating, i.e., punishment by hitting *ijoollee kan deebisu reebicha duwwaa miti* It is not beating alone that can correct children. 2

running in order to catch up with **reebsisuu** *tv* 1 cause to spank *situ abbaa koo na reebise* You are the one who made my father beat me up. 2 cause to run in order to catch up with

**re'ee** Same as *reettii*

**reef** *adv* just now, i.e., a short time ago *reef manaa baye* He has left just now. *reef natti ife jette jaartiin jaamaan mana isee gubdee* (saying) "I can see better now", said a blind, old woman after setting fire to her house! [poor excuse!]

**reeffa** *n* 1 body, corpse, or remains *reeffi boolla hin sodaatu* (saying) A corpse does not fear the grave [a desperado who fears nothing]

**reeffana** Same as *dibicha* (1); see also *eeffana/mirgoo*<sup>2</sup>

**reefka** Same as *reeffa*

**reefuma** Same as *reef*

**reefuu** Same as *reef*

**reejjii** *n* a kind of plant the leaf of which stinks

**reencii** *n* edible, bitter wild cabbage-like plant

**reenfa** Same as *reeffa*

**reeeqisuu** Same as *raafamuu*

**reerree** *n* skinny calf

**reettii** *n* goat *reettii*

*haadhoo/haadhoo reettii* a she-goat or a nanny-goat; *korbeessa reettii* he goat

**reexasa** Same as *jiidhina* under *jiidhuu*

**re'ii** Same as *reettii*

**rejijii** Same as *rapijii*

**-ri** (a subject-forming suffix) If a vowel precedes a noun that ends in **-ra**, the final **-a** is replaced by **-ri** to change the noun into a subject.

Object	Subject
<i>bara</i> (year; times)	<i>barri</i>
<i>dhiira</i> (male)	<i>dhiirri</i>
<i>seera</i> (law)	<i>seerri</i>
e.g., <i>barri badeera</i>	The times are bad.

**ribaa** *n* forest; wood; see also *bosona*

**ribduu** *n* vane, i.e., a machine, moved by water/wind, that makes a motor/an engine operate

**ribribsuu** See *ribribuu*

**ribribtuu** Same as *dhaqdhaqii*

**ribribuu** *iv* be wet **ribribsuu** *tv* cause to be moist or wet; see also *jiidhuu*

**ribuu**<sup>1</sup> *n* 1 ligament, sinew, or tendon, i.e., a strong cord that joins a muscle to a bone *ribuun miilla isaa citnaan naafate* He became lame because the tendon of his leg had been severed. 2 tendon used as cord for sewing leather and the like

**ribuu**<sup>2</sup> *tv* (used of eggs or tubers) bake or cook in hot ashes *anqaquu lama daara jala ribi naa kenni* Cook two eggs in hot ashes and give them to me. See also *dibu*<sup>2</sup> (2) and *rurruuquu*

**rifachiisuu** See *rifachuu*

**rifachuu** *iv* 1 stop talking to /with sb because one feels hurt or disgruntled *mana koo hin dhufin*

*eegan jedheeni asi natti rifate* Ever since I told him not to come to my house, he has stopped talking to me because he has taken offense. See also *dallanuu/mufachuu* 2 be scared *atu na amatanuu gaafani irraan baye rifatan* They were scared stiff when I arrived suddenly while they were backbiting me. **rifachiisuu** *tv* 1 offend *arrabsitee isa rifachiifte* You/She called him names and offended him. 2 scare *atu jarri na amatanuu irraan bayeen rifachiise* I scared them stiff by suddenly arriving while they were backbiting me.

**rifannaa** *n* scare, a sudden fright, or alarm

**rifamuu** See *rifuu*

**rifannaa** See *rifachuu*

**rifannoota** Same as *rifannaa* under *rifachuu*

**rifeensa** *n* hair; fleece; fur *dubartiin rifeensa isee miidhagfachu* jaal'atti Women like to beautify their hair.

**rifuu** *tv* (of feather) pluck *baallee indaaqqoo rifte* She plucked the chicken. **rifamuu** *tv* (passive) be plucked

**rigaa** See *riguu*

**rigaa raabaa** *n* a kind of tree

**rigachuu** See *riguu*

**rigamuu** See *riguu*

**riguu** *tv* 1 (used of teeth) brush *ilkaan isaa rigiif* Brush his teeth for him. 2 rub or scrub, i.e., make sth clean by rubbing hard *okkotee rigdi* She is scrubbing out a pot.

*miilla kee rigii dhiqi* Wash your feet by rubbing them. **3** *rub arka isee walitti rigde* She rubbed her hands together. *saamunaa wayyaatti rigi* Rub the soap on the clothes being washed. **rigaa** *n* tooth brush, usu made from stalk of certain sweet-smelling plants *rigaa naa mur rigaa/ rigaa keetu na mararee* Cut a tooth brush for me; I love your tooth brush. [from a love song]  
**rigachuu** *tv* **1** brush one's teeth *rigaa rigatee afaan lulluuqqate* He brushed his teeth and rinsed his mouth. **2** (usu of animals) rub oneself against *saani kabaatti rigatte* The cow rubbed herself against the wall. **3** rub, i.e., come into contact with by sliding movement *balballi kun lafa riga* This door rubs on the floor. **4** pander to sb, i.e., to do everything he/she wants in order to get some advantage for self *maal narraa (na arra) argachuu yaadeetu akkana natti rigata?* What is he trying to get from me that he is pandering to me so much?  
**rigamuu** *tv* (passive) be rubbed too much, be abraded, or be scraped, i.e., be worn off/ down by brushing *qubni miilla isee kophee dhaan rigama* Her toes were scraped or abraded.  
**riibaa** *n* forest or the woods; see also *bosona*

**ribribxuu** Same as *dhadhaqqii*

**riibriibxuu** Same as *riibaa*

**riidama** Same as *maseena* (3) under *maseenuu*

**riiqa** *n* granary; see also *gombisaa*

**riiqachuu** Same as *rigachuu* (2, 4) under *riguu*

**riisaa** *n* buzzard; hawk, i.e., a bird that pounces on chickens or other birds

**riijijjii** Same as *rajijii*

**rikaa** Same as *guuboo*

**rimaa** See *rimaawuu*

**rimaa fuuchuu** Same as *rimaa qabachuu* under *rimaawuu*

**rimaawuu** *iv* (used of animals) be or become pregnant *saani koo rimooftetti* My cow has become pregnant. **rimaa** *adj* pregnant *sa'i kun rimaa dha* This cow is pregnant. **rimaa qabachuu** *iv* conceive *sa'i isaa rima qabatteetti*. His cow has conceived.

**rimeessuu** *tv* (used of a bull) cause to be pregnant *korma isa kamtu sa'a koo rimeesse?* Which bull made my cow pregnant?

**rimaya** Same as *rimaa* under *rimaawuu*

**rimeessuu** See *rimaawuu*

**rimixa** *n* hot ashes

**rimma** See *rimmaawuu*

**rimmaawuu** *iv* be infested with termite *manni kun ni/in rimmaayee maal wayya?* This house is infested with termite. What is to be done? **rimma** *n* termite or white ant

**rimmeessuu** *tv* cause to be termite infested *mana kana maaltu rimmeesse?* What made this house full of termites?

**rimmeessuu** See *rimmaawuu*

**rimooftuu** Same as **rimaa** under *rimaawuu*

**rincicaa**<sup>1</sup> See *rincicuu*

**rincicaa**<sup>2</sup> Same as **lincicaa** under *lincicaawuu*

**rincicaawuu** Same as *lincicaawuu*

**rincicuu** See *rincicuu*

**rincicuu** *iv* 1 Same as *lincicaawuu* 2

be callous, inconsiderate, indifferent, or be insensitive to others *in/ni rincica; humaa namaa hin nawu* He is callous; he does not care about anybody **rincicaa** *adj* (of male humans) reserved, reticent, silent, taciturn, tight-lipped, uncommunicative; callous *namicha rincicaa* a reticent man. **rincicuu** *adj* (of female humans) reticent or uncommunicative; callous

**riphee loltuu** Same as **riphee lolaa** under *riphu*

**riphisuu** Same as *riphu* (1)

**riphriphu** *iv* (used of soil/ground) become soft/swampy *dacheen riphriphxe* The ground has become swampy. **riphriphxu** *adj* swampy

**riphu** *iv* 1 hide oneself or go into hiding; lie in wait *gurbaaan koo na argee riphe* My son went into hiding after seeing me approach. 2 swarm up, shin up, or climb a pole, a tree, etc. by gripping with the arms and legs *muka silkii riphee yaabe* He swarmed up the telephone pole. *muka riphee yaabe* He shinned up a tree **riphee**

**lolaa** *n* (neologism) gurerrilla fighter; see also *gaadduu* (2) under *gaaduu* and *dagachiisa lolaa* under *dagachuu*

**ripriphxu** See *riphriphu*

**riqaa** *n* ladder

**riqicha** *n* bridge

**riqisaa** See *riqisuu*

**riqisuu** *iv* sway, move, or swing to and fro, as sth suspended does; wobble, i.e., move unsteadily from side to side **riqisaa** *adj* wobbly

**riquu** *iv, tv* 1 Same as *mujaadaluu*

2 Same as *riphu* (2) 3 ill treat or bully sb, usu one's junior *mucaan kun hiriya kee miti woo maaliif isa riqxa* Why do you bully this child? He is not your equal, you know.

**rima** Same as *rimma* under *rimmaawuu*

**rimaawuu** Same as *rimmaawuu*

**rimmee** Same as *rimma* under *rimmaawuu*

**rimmeessuu** Same as *rimmeessuu* under *rimmaawuu*

**rirriittachuu** See *rirriituu*

**rirriitamuu** See *rirriituu*

**rirriituu** *tv* 1 rub one's body or part of the body when washing oneself *dudda koo naa rirriiti* Rub my back for me (when I'm taking a bath). 2 rub, usu griddle with a cloth and clean it with oil before pouring dough on it *eelee rirriitti* She is rubbing the griddle with a cloth and oil. 3 rub sth in/into sth, i.e., force/

apply butter, cosmetic, oil, etc. on the face or any relevant part of the body *iddoo arki koo buqqa'etti dhadhaa rirriitee naa dhidhibee* He rubbed butter into the skin of my sprained arm and then massaged it for me. **4** crush or stamp on *lammta hin xuuxu jedhee sijaaraa darbatee lafatti rirriite* Vowing not to smoke again, he dropped his cigarette and stamped on it. **5** beat sb real hard until he is black and blue *diina isaa rirriitee bira darbe* He beat up his enemy and went his way. **rirriittachuu** *tv* **1** (usu used of animals) rub against *sa'i kabaatti rirriittatte* The cow rubbed itself against the wall. **2** apply/rub butter, oil, etc. into sth *fuula keetti waa rirriittadhu* Put some cream on your face. **3** rub for self *mucaan fuula isaa ofuma isaatiin rirriittate* The child applied cream on his face by himself. **rirriitamuu** *tv* (passive) **1** be rubbed and cleaned *kittaan kee saamunaa dhaan rirriitamuu malee hin qulqullaa'wu* Unless rubbed with soap properly, your shirt won't be clean. **2** (for amorous reason) move towards; show love, usu through secret physical contact; cling to or be stuck on sb *gidduu kana baay'ee isatti rirriitamti* She is clinging to him a lot these days. **rirriittuu** *n* a cloth with which a griddle is rubbed when local bread is baked

**rirrituu** See *rirriituu*

**risaa** Same as *riisaa*

**risaarisoo** Same as *fududdisoo* under *fududdisuu*; see also *fuggisoo*

**robbii** Same as *roojjii*

**robobuu** Same as *furfuruu* (**1**)

**rocaa** *adj* (of beer, coffee, pumpkin, sauce, etc.) flat, insipid, milk and water, stale, *farsoo rocaa* insipid beer

**roga** *n* **1** edge, i.e., boundary or a surface *roga timboo* the edge of tobacco cake *roga rigichaa irra hin deemini; ni/in kuffaa* Don't walk on the edge of the bridge; you will fall down. **2** (usu *roga rogaan*) arrangement, form, order, or organization *barcuma kana roga rogaan kaayi* Put these chairs in some order. **3** (of speech) end *haasaan isaa roga hin qabu* His speech has no end. **4** seam of cloth or leather where two edges are folded and sewn **roga baasuu** *tv* adore or put a design on a utensil

**rogarfee** *n* rectangle

**roggee** *n* **1** unmarried girl's tonsure-like hair style; maiden tonsure; see also *qarree*

**rogsadee** *n* triangle

**rogu** Same as *roga baasuu* under *roga*

**rom'isiisaa** Same as *roqomsiisaa* under *roqomuu*

**rom'isiuu** Same as *roqomsiisuu* under *roqomuu*

**rom'uu** Same as *roqomuu*

**rooba** See *roobuu*

**roobbawuu** *iv* be infested/infected with acne  
**Roobee** *n* capital of Baalee, southern Oromiyaa  
**roobbii**<sup>1</sup> Same as *roojjii*  
**roobbii**<sup>2</sup> Same as *arbii*<sup>1</sup> (1)  
**roobbii**<sup>3</sup> *n* 1 hippopotamus **alangaa**  
**roobii** *n* a whip made from the skin of a hippo 2 Same as *arbii*<sup>1</sup> (1)  
**roobsisuu** See *roobuu*  
**roobuu** *iv* 1 (used of rain only) come down, pour, or rain *har'a ni/in rooba fakkaata* It looks as if it is going to rain today. 2 give liberally *rakkina isaa arganii roobaniif* They saw that he was in need, so they contributed money liberally. **rooba** *n* rain; see also *bokkaa rooba warwarreettii* *n* rain that pours down at intervals  
**roobsisuu** *tv* cause to rain *yoo waaqayyoo torban kana keessa nu roobsisuu baate midhaan facaafame him/im biqilu* If God doesn't cause rain within this week, the seeds won't sprout.  
**rooca hodhuu** *tv* (applies to a weaned calf) suckle *margaa nyaataa oolee galgala haadha roca hodha* After grazing all day, the calf suckles his mother in the evening.  
**roojjii** *n* skin disease, probably ringworm, that usually affects the head or the hand; acne  
**ro'oo** *n* 1 churn, i.e., large gourd or a small jar in which cream is beaten or shaken to make butter 2 milk after put in a churn

**roophilaa** Same as *rophilaanii*  
**rooqaa** *n* edible wild fruit and a tree from which it is obtained  
**roora'aa** See *roora'uu*  
**rooraasuu** See *roora'uu*  
**rooraatuu** See *roora'uu*  
**roora'uu** *iv* 1 (usu used of few chicks or small objects) move about *bishaan kana hin dhugu; waatu keessa roora'a* I won't drink this water; something is moving about in it. *cuucii lama duwwaatu indaaqqo koo jala roorrofti* Only two chicks move about with my hen. 2 have a strong desire  
**roora'aa** *adj* 1 of a man who always strives and tries to make ends meet 2 of a man who has a strong desire  
**rooraasuu** *tv* 1 cause sth to move about in a container, usu by shaking the container *ro'ootti cirracha dabalii rooraasi akka iseen rooroftee xurii itti baaftutti* Put few pebbles in the churn and shake it so that the pebbles move about and clean it. 2 (of emotion) move sb *jaalalli isee garaa na rooraase* Her love moved me  
**rooraatuu** *adj* 1 of a woman who always moves about to make ends meet 2 of a woman who has a strong desire  
**roorrii** *adj* (usu of chicks or sprouting seeds in the ground) few/scanty *boqqolloon kun roorrii dhaa garagalchi* This corn crop is too scanty; destroy it altogether and grow some other crop instead. *cuucii indaaqqoo roorrii kana balleessaa* Get rid of these

chicks; they are too few to keep (i.e., it's better for the hen to start laying eggs instead of looking after them).

**roorrii** See *roora'uu*

**rooriftuu** See *roorrisuu*

**roorrisaa** See *roorrisuu*

**roorristuu** Same as *rooriftuu* under *roorrisuu*

**roorrisuu** *tv* 1 harass, i.e., persecute sb systematically by besetting him/her with annoyances, threats, or demands *sangaa tokkittii an qabu kana narkaa (na arkaa) baasuuf mootummaan natti roorisa* The government harasses me in order to deprive me of this one ox that I have. 2 (fig) [used of diseases] recur persistently *utaalloon kun natti roorrise* My cold recurred persistently. **rooriftuu** *adj* (of persons) harasser **roorrisaa** *adj* of a man who harasses people **roorroo** *n* harassment *roorroon mootummaa na jibbiisifnaanin biyyaa baye* I was so sick and tired of the harassment I was subjected to by the government that I fled the country.

**roorroo** See *roorrisuu*

**rophilaanii** *n* airplane; see also *baaburbaallee*

**roqaa**<sup>1</sup> See *roquu*

**roqaa**<sup>2</sup> *n* a kind of tree found in the lowland

**roqomsiiisaa** See *roqomuu*

**roqomsiiisuu** See *roqomuu*

**roqomsuu** Same as *roqomuu*

**roqomuu** *iv* 1 shake or shiver, i.e., tremble from cold, fear, fever, or emotion *mucaan kun maaliif roqoma/roqomti laata?* Why is this little boy/girl shivering? *sagaleen isee ni/in roqome* Her voice shook with emotion. 2 (used of the earth) shake or quake *eda lafti roqomeera; dhageesseettaa?* There was an earthquake last night; did you hear it? 3 (used of the eye) blink fast involuntarily *iji koo ni/in roqoma* My eyes are blinking fast and involuntarily. **roqomsiiisaa** *n* convulsions, i.e., involuntary, irregular, or violent movement of the body or limb(s) *roqomsiiisaan mucaa kanaa nu naasise* This child's convulsions scared us. **roqomsiiisuu** *tv* cause to shake, shiver, or tremble *qorra moo maaltu akkana si roqomsiiisa?* Is it cold or what is it that makes you shiver like this?

**roquu** *iv* stink terribly *maali inni akkana asii roqu* What is it that stinks so much here? **roqaa** *adj* (usu of food items or rarely of male animals or humans) bad, rancid, rotten, spoiled, or stinking *dhadhaa roqaa* rancid butter **roqxuu** *adj* (usu food items or rarely of female animals or humans) bad, rancid, rotten, spoiled, or stinking

**roqxuu** See *roquu*

**rosoo** *adj* (usu of hair) wavy and hanging down *daabeen isee rosoo dha* Her tress is wavy, and it hangs down.

**-rra 1** (applies only to the 1<sup>st</sup> person, pl) verbs with this suffix are in the present perfect tense (*nyaachuu*) **nyaanneerra** (short form of *nyaannee jirra*) We have eaten. **taphanneerra** (short form of *taphannee jirra*) We have played. (*dhuguu*) **nuyi dhugneerra** (short form of *dhugnee jirra*) We have drunk. See Table 4, 7.3.3 1<sup>st</sup> person, pl. for details **2** In some environments, this suffix is also used as a short form of **arra/irra** (1) **sireerra** (short form of *siree arra*) *jira* It is on the bed. *simbirroon manarra* (*mana arra/irra*) *qubatte* A bird perched on the roof of the house. **-rraa** is also used as a short form of **arraa/irraa** e.g., *sangaa koo isatu narraa* (instead of the long form *na arraa/irraa*) *bite* He was the one who bought my ox from me. *birri meeqa sirraa qaba* (instead of the long form *si arraa/irraa*) How much money does he have on you? [How much money do you owe him?]

**-ru** (applies only to the 3<sup>rd</sup> person, pl/honorific) [short form of **jiru**] Suffixed to verbs, it indicates that the verb is in the present perfect tense. (*deemuu*) *jarri/isaan deemaniiru* (instead of the long form *deemanii jiru*) They have gone. (*deebi'uu*) *deebi'aniiru* (instead of the long form *deebi'anii jiru*) They have returned.

**ruddaawuu** *iv* purse up one's lips and sulk

**ruhii** *n* soul *ammayyuu hin duune; ruhiin keessa jirti* He is not dead yet; his soul is still there [He is not dead yet; he is still lingering]. See also *lubbuu* which is more commonly used

**rukeessa** *n* a kind of tree

**rukkaa** Same as *gobbuu* under *gobbachuu*

**rukkachuu** Same as *gobbachuu*

**rukkataa** Same as *gobbuu*

**rukkeessaa** *n* a kind of tree

**rukkoo** Same as *gobbuu*

**rukuchaa** Same as *rukutta* under *rukutuu*

**rukuchiisuu** See *rukutuu*

**rukutamuu** See *rukutuu*

**rukutta** See *rukutuu*

**rukuttuu** See *rukutuu*

**rukutuu** *tv* 1 beat, hit or strike

*dhagaa dhaan na rukute* He hit me with a stone. 2 knock on the door *eenyutu balbala rukuta?* Who is knocking on the door? 3 ring a bell *bilbila rukutaniiruu?* Have they rung the bell? 4 Same as *tumuu* (2)

**rukuchiisuu** *tv* cause to beat, hit, or strike *achi ijaajjee na rukuchiise* He stood there and made him beat me up (instead of doing sth to stop him).

**rukutamuu** *tv* (passive) be hit, beaten up, or be stricken *eda maaliif rukutamte?* Why were you beaten last night? **rukutta** *n* 1 threshing, beating, spanking *ijoolleetti rukutta baay'isuun gaarii miti* Too much beating is



not good for children. 2 (soccer) penalty **rukutta** *adabaa* a penalty kick **rukuttuu** *n* hammer, sledge, or anything that serves as a hammer *qirixii fi rukuttuu naa fidi* Bring me a wedge and a sledge.

**rumaanii** *n* pomegranate fruit or plant

**rumicha** *n* vulture, usu a flock of vultures feeding or traveling together

**runda'uu** *iv* (usu used of leaves) be lush and luxuriant

**rurrama** *n* name of the 16<sup>th</sup> day of a month

**rurruuqqaa** See *ruruuquu*

**rurruuqqachuu** See *rurruuquu*

**rurruuquu** *tv* cook or heat sth by covering it with hot ashes *qoonxaa rurruuqee nyaate* He heated smoked meat by putting it under hot ashes and ate it.

**ruruuqqaa** *adj, n* eggs, potatoes, smoked meat, etc. heated or cooked in hot ashes *rurruuqqaa qoonxaa jaal'ata* He likes smoked meat cooked in hot ashes.

**rurruuqqachuu** *tv* cook in hot ashes for self *dinnicha rurruuqqatee nyaate* He cooked a potato in hot ashes for self and ate it.

**rushii** *n* remnant of dough; see also *bukoo* which is more commonly used

**russeeyyu** Same as *tuuluu* (1)

**ruuda**<sup>1</sup> Same as *waaqa* (2)

**ruuda**<sup>2</sup> *n* name of the 19<sup>th</sup> day of a month

**ruufa** *n* 1 a turban the head of the gadaa system of government wears 2 beautiful long hair

**ruufii** Same as *ruufa* (1)

**ruufuu** Same as *kurruufuu*<sup>2</sup>

**ruuqqachuu** See *ruuquu*

**ruuquu** *tv* conceal, hide away, or secrete sth somewhere *waa hatee bobaa isaa jala ruuqe* He stole sth and hid it in his armpit.

**ruuqqachuu** *tv* hide for self *waa hattee gola keessa rurruuqqatte* She stole sth and hid it in the kitchen for self.

**ruurra'aa** See *ruurra'uu*

**ruurra'uu** *iv* (used of stomach) swell, usu as a result of disease or malnutrition, e.g., kwashiorkor or ascariasis *mucaan kun ni/in ruurra'e* This child has become potbellied.

**ruurra'aa** *adj* (of stomach) swollen **ruurressuu** *tv* cause to have a potbelly *nyaaata gaarii dhabatu isa ruurresse* It is malnutrition that made him potbellied **ruurrii** *n* 1 potbelly *mucaa ruurrii* a child with potbelly 2 flatulence or a bloat

**ruuroftuu** *adj* 1 potbellied 2 flatulent or bloated

**ruurressuu** See *ruurra'uu*

**ruurrii** See *ruurra'uu*

**ruuroftuu** See *ruurra'uu*

**ruusaa** Same as *ruusii*

**ruusii** *n* rice

s/S

-s a suffix that means: 1 also, too, or as well *jaras gaafadheera* I have asked them, too. *kanas kenniif* Give him this one as well. *kan koos kan isaas kan isees bitadhu* Buy mine, his, as well as hers. 2 (also used to join adjectives, adverbs, nouns, verbs, or pronouns) and *gabaabaas dheeraas furdaas qalloos hin jaal'attu* She doesn't like short, tall, fat, and thin. *har'as boris iftaanis kanuma loqodu* They say the same thing today, tomorrow, and the day after tomorrow. *inni qotees nagadees saamees jiraachuu ri danda'a* He can make a living by farming, trading, and by robbing. *innis iseenis anis hin beekne* He, she, and I did not know. 3 suffixed to verbs, it is used as a causative command (addressed to 2<sup>nd</sup> person, sing.) and it follows "i" if the preceding vowel is long, e.g., (*baachuu*) *isa baachis* Make him carry. It follows "ii" if the preceding vowel is short, e.g., (*ojjachuu*) *isa ojjachiis* Make him work.

**sa'a<sup>1</sup> n 1** cow *sa'a rimaa* a pregnant cow **2** cattle *sa'a tiksa* He tends cattle.

**sa'a<sup>2</sup>** Same as *sa'aatii*

**saa** [short form of *isaa*] *adj*, *pron* his *biyya saa jaal'ata* He likes his

country *mana/kittaa saa* his house/shirt

**sa'aatii n 1** watch *sa'aatii bitateera* He has bought himself a watch. **2** time *sa'aatii meeqa* What time is it?

**saabbaa n 1** second rate or poor quality, local arack **2** an apparatus for distilling local liquor

**saabunaa** Same as *saamunaa*

**saabunee n** a variety of potatoes

**saaca'uu iv** be rich *dur iyyeessa ture; dhiyoo saaca'e* He used to be poor; he became rich recently.

**saacii adj** rich *namicha saacii* a rich man

**saacii** See *saaca'uu*

**saadoo** See *saaduu*

**saadullaa** Same as *qarree* or *roggee*

**saaduu tv** butter sb up, cajole sb, or flatter *waan sobaatiin nan saadin* Don't flatter me. **ofi saadduu adj** conceited **saadoo n** blandishment, blarney, cajolery, flattery, soft soap *saadoo keen jibba* I hate your blarney.

**saafaa** See *saafa'uu*

**saafaa booda** Same as *saafaa booddee* under *saafa'uu*

**saafa'uu iv** (used of days) be/become late in the morning *saafa'eeraa; ka'ii ojii deemi* It's late in the morning; get up and go to work. **saafaa n 1** broad day light *hattuun guyyaa saafaa dhuftee waan baay'ee na duraa hattee deemte* A thief came in broad day light, stole many of my things, and went away. **2** hot period of

the day *aduu saafaa keessa hin ojjatin; rafii aara galfadhu* Don't work in the hot period of the day; take a siesta. **saafaa**

**booddee** *n* afternoon;

p.m./P.M., i.e., the time from noon till evening *saafaa booddee kottu* Come in the afternoon.

**saafaa dura** *n* morning;

a.m./P.M., i.e., the time from dawn to noon *saafaa dura deeme* He left in the morning.

**saafaya** Same as *saafaa* under *saafa'uu*

**saafila** *n* 1 (male humans) young boy, usu teenager who does not obey his parents or anybody 2 (of female humans) young, but old enough to be married *intala saafila* a young, marriageable girl **saafiltuu** *n* 1 (of female humans) a young girl, usu a teenager who does not obey her parents or anybody 2 Same as *saafila* (2) above

**saafiltuu** See *saafila*

**saafiya** *n* 1 wash bowl or wash basin used for washing clothes 2 jerry-can

**saagaa** See *saaguu*

**saagulummaa** *adj* (of color of chicken) a combination of somewhat light green and light blue

**saaguu** *tv* 1 (usu used of roofs) reinforce, i.e., make thick /compact by inserting sticks *ijoo manaa saagee fixeera* He has finished reinforcing the roof by inserting sticks. 2 establish, i.e.,

make a rule **saagaa** *n* sticks used for filling in roofs

**saahiba** *n* friend *inni saahiba kooti* He is my friend.

**saakachaawuu** *iv* (of human skin) become ash-like for lack of oil *fuulli kee saakachaayeera; waa dibadhu* Your face has become ash-like; apply some cream to it. See also *daalachaawuu* which is more common **saakara** *adj* (of skin; surface) ash-like and rough **saakachooftuu** *adj* of a person whose skin is dry; rough and ash-like

**saakachooftuu** See *saakachaawuu*

**saakara** See *saakachaawuu*

**saakayyoo** *n* a kind of tree with sweet smell

**saakuma** *n* (applies to females) very close relationship or friendship

**saala** *n* gender or sex, i.e., either the female or male division of humans or animals "*saalli kee maal?*" *lafa jedhee gaafatutti, "dhiira"* *yk* "*dhalaa*" *jedhii qubeessi* Where it says "sex" on the form, write "male" or "female".

**saalaa**<sup>1</sup> *n* sharpened wooden pole used as fence or used as an object of worship

**saalaa**<sup>2</sup> *n* gemsbok or oryx

**saaldhee** *n* a jar smaller than *gaanii* and larger than *gomboo* (1)

**saalfa** See *saalfachuu*

**saalfachuu** *iv* (usu used of an adolescent) be/feel abashed, ashamed, self-conscious, or be

shy *iseen tasa hin saalfattu* She is not self-conscious at all. **saalfa** *n* self-consciousness; shyness  
**saalfattu** Same as *korbeessa reettii* under *korbeessa*  
**saalfii** Same as **saalfa** under *saalfachuu*  
**saalkaa** Same as *gudeeda* (1)  
**saalmalee** (of a female) sexy and rude  
**saam'ee** *n* spider's web; web; see also *saaphuphee*  
**saamamaa** See *saamuu*  
**saamamuu** See *saamuu*  
**saameta** *n* 1 flour of parched barley mixed with butter milk, or water and drunk 2 sauce made from ground, fermented cabbage seeds used as relish  
**saamicha** See *saamuu*  
**saaminsa** Same as *saamicha* under *saamuu*  
**saammachuu** See *saamuu*  
**saamsisuu** See *saamuu*  
**saamtuu** See *saamuu*  
**saamunaa** *n* soap  
**saamuu** *tv* hold up, loot, pillage, plunder, raid, or rob *qawwee dhaan nu sodaachisee nu same* He held us up after pulling a gun on us. 2 grab at, usu food; exploit; gain possession of sth selfishly by prior opportunity, i.e., by pre-empting it *kittaa isa gaarii gaarii nu saamee bitate* He purchased the choicest shirts before we had any chance. *nu saamee barcuma irra taa'e* He sat on the stool ahead of us by pre-empting it. **saamamaa** *adj* 1 of a male human

whose property has been taken away by threat, force or violence  
**saamamuu** *tv* (passive) be robbed or plundered *utuu nu jirru biyyi keenya hin saamamu* Our country won't be pillaged while we are alive.  
**saamicha** *n* raid; robbery  
**saammachuu** *tv* rob for self  
**saamsisuu** *tv* cause to rob *ashkaroota isaa na saamsise* He made his armed servants rob me. **saamtuu** *adj* of a person who robs  
**saanaa** Same as *saanii*<sup>2</sup>  
**saanduqa** Same as *saanduqii*  
**sanduqii** *n* large, metal or wooden box; see also *saaxinii*  
**saanii**<sup>1</sup> *pron* (pl/honorific) [short form of *isaanii*] their(s) *manni guddaan kun kan saaniiti* This large house is theirs. *mana saanii ni/in gurguran* He (hon) sold his house or They sold their house.  
**saanii**<sup>2</sup> *n* metal/china plate or dish  
**saanii**<sup>3</sup> *n* a cow; cattle *saanii saa beerre?* Where is his cow? *saanii hundinu galanii?* Are all the cattle (cows) in?  
**saankalaa** Same as *gola* (1)  
**saanqaa** *n* 1 door *saanqaa cuftee?* Have you closed the door? See also *balbala* 2 board, i.e., flat piece of wood  
**saanquree** *n* bowl-like basket made from barley-like tall grass  
**saanquree** Same as *saanquree*  
**saaphana** *n* 1 volleyball 2 Same as *saaphuphee*

**saaphuphee** *n* spider's web; web  
*kabaan kun saaphuphee duwwaa*  
*ta'e* This wall is covered with a  
spider's web all over.

**saaqaa**<sup>1</sup> See *saaquu*

**saaqaa**<sup>2</sup> Same as *boqqaa*; see also  
*balaccuu*

**saaqaa**<sup>3</sup> Same as *sobduu* under  
*sobuu*

**saaqamaa** See *saaquu*

**saaqamuu** See *saaquu*

**saaqqachuu** See *saaquu*

**saaqqamaa** Same as *saaqamaa*  
under *saaquu*

**saaqqamuu** Same as *saaqamuu*  
under *saaquu*

**saaqsisuu** See *saaquu*

**saaquu** *tv* 1 break a path or way;  
make path through sorghum  
/ corn crops or through tall grass  
in the manner of parting one's  
hair *boqqolloo saaquee karaa baase*  
He broke a path through corn  
crops 2 open *balbala saaqx*e She  
opened the door. 3 open, usu ear  
of corn slightly to see whether it  
is ripe or not *boqqolloo saaquee*  
*ilaale* He opened the ear of corn  
slightly to see whether it was  
ripe or not 4 talk **saaqaa** *n* 1 path  
in corn or sorghum crops or tall  
grass made by parting the crops  
or the grass *saaqaa boqqolloo irra*  
*kottu* Take the path in the corn  
crop and come. 2 Same as *horii*  
(1) under *horuu* **saaqamaa** *adj*  
open **saaqamuu** *tv* be opened  
**saaqqachuu** *tv* make path  
through corn or sorghum crops  
or through tall grass for self;

open for self *asiin saaqqate* He  
made a path in a crop for self  
here. *balbala saaqqatee ol seene* He  
opened the door for self and  
entered. **saaqsisuu** *tv* 1 cause to  
make path *haadha manaa kootu*  
*karaa asiin na saaqsise* My wife  
made me open a path here. 2  
cause to open ear of corn  
slightly; cause to open *maaliif*  
*achi ijaajjitee ijoollee boqqolloo*  
*saaqsifte?* Why did you stand  
there and let the children open  
the ear of corns? 3 dawn  
*saaqqateeraa ka'aa ni/in deemna* It  
has dawned; let's get up and go.  
**sassaaquu** *tv* 1 open repeatedly  
2 (*usu* applies to grain being  
dried in the sun) air, i.e., to stir it  
off and on to make sure that  
every grain is exposed to fresh  
air and heat *atara alatti hafame*  
*kana sassaaquu hin irraanfatin*  
Don't forget to stir (i.e., to sun  
dry evenly) the peas that are  
spread outside.

**saara** *n* climbing grass

**saardoo** Same as *marga* under  
*marguu*

**saaruu** *iv* 1 (of bush, grass, hair)  
grow densely *manni isaa boroona*  
*ijaa saareef antuuta duwwaa ta'e*  
Grass has grown densely around  
his house, that's why it is  
infested with rats/ mice. 2 (of  
grass) grow and creep over land  
surface or on trees

**saasa'amuu** See *saasa'uu*

**saasa'uu** *tv* gin cotton manually  
*jirbii saasaati* She is ginning

cotton manually. **saasa'amu** *tv* (passive) be ginned  
**saasawoo** *n* louse or nit of chickens; mite  
**saasiwoo** Same as *saasawoo*  
**saatoo**<sup>1</sup> Same as *satoo* (1)  
**saatoo**<sup>2</sup> *n* a kind of tree, usu used as firewood  
**saatoo**<sup>3</sup> *n* a small earthen pot; see also *okkotee* for a larger one  
**saattawuu** *iv* (used of sth being boiled) not done to a turn yet  
**saattuu** *adj* not cooked or not done to a turn  
**saattuu** See *saattawuu*  
**saawa** Same as *saawwa*  
**saawwa** Same as *sa'a*<sup>1</sup> (2)  
**saaxaraa** *n* 1 Same as *maaxaraa* 2 interwoven, split bamboo stalks usu used as a fence  
**saaxil** *n* plain or level area of land that is visible from a distance  
**saaxil baasuu** *tv* expose sb by telling on him/her  
**saaxinii** *n* large, metal or wooden box; see also *saanduqii* **saaxinii reeffa** *n* coffin or pall  
**saaxoo** *n* bush that is less dense than *gussee*  
**saayya** Same as *sa'a*<sup>1</sup> (2)  
**saba** *n* society, i.e., a large, organized group of people with the same country, interests, aims, way of life, etc. *saba oromoo* Oromo society **sabaa fi sablammii** *n* related people **saba bal'aa** *n* the masses *sabi bal'aan ni moowa* The masses shall triumph!

**sabaaqii** *adj, n* tattler, tattletale, tell tale, or talebearer, i.e., one who reveals the plans or the activities of another *mucaa sabaaqii kana duratti humaa hin dubbatinaa* Do not say anything in front of this child; he is a tattletale.

**saba baldhaa** Same as *saba bal'aa* under *saba*

**sababamaa** See *sababuu*

**sababamtuu** See *sababuu*

**sababamuu** See *sababuu*

**sababii** See *sababuu*

**sababuu** *tv* provoke, i.e., anger, exasperate, or vex *namichi gadheen kun na sababuu barbaada* This bad man wants to provoke me and make me act irrationally (e.g., make me kill him by being rude to me). **sababamaa** *adj* (of male humans) provocative, i.e., causing a person to act angrily  
**sababamtuu** *adj* (of a person) provocative *dubartii sababamtuu* a provocative woman *namichattii sababamtuu kana hin jaal'u* I don't like this provocative man. See also *tuquu* (1) which is commonly used **sababamuu** *tv* (passive) be provoked *ijaan sababamen isa ajjeese* I killed him because I was provoked. **sababii** *n* reason *sababii hateef hidhame* He was imprisoned for stealing.  
**sabada** *n* something such as watering trough from which animals drink water  
**sabagaa** Same as *sabaaqii*

**sabaree** *n* 1 a small gourd in which valuable articles are kept  
 2 a small, flat basket without a leg

**sabaroo** *n* a large basket made of tall grass in which articles are kept; see also *qorxii* (2)

**sabbata** *n* belt, girdle, sash, or cummerbund, i.e., a long strip of cotton cloth used by women as a belt **sabbataan garaa hidhachuu** *iv* bear up against/under sth **yoo sabbataan garaa hidhatan malee gaddi nama cabsa** Unless one bears up against grief/sorrow, one's health can break down.

**sabbata hiikkachuu** *iv* (usu of an old maid) *marry at the first opportunity just for its social value* **sabbata hiikkattee ha deebitu** At least let her go through the formalities of marriage and be done with. **sabbata waaqayyoo** *n* 1 rainbow 2 jaundice **sabbata waaqayyootu si qabe natti fakkaata** I think you have got jaundice.

**sabbata gaaloo** Same as **sabbata waaqayyoo** (1) under **sabbata**

**sabbata waaqaa** Same as **sabbata waaqayyoo** under **sabbata**

**sabbat marii** Same as **olnaqii**

**sabboo** *adj* (of animals such as antelopes, goats, sheep, or pigs) young and plump **bosoonuu sabboo ajjeese** He killed a young, plump antelope (the meat of which is tender as opposed to that of an older one).

**sabboonaa** *n* (of males) nationalist, i.e., one who is

devoted to the interests and culture of his nation **sabboontuu** *n* (of females) nationalist, i.e., a female human being who is devoted to the interests and culture of her nation

**sabboontuu** See **sabboonuu**

**sabbooqa** *n* formal clothes worn in the presence of a respected person

**sabeentaa** *n* a young ewe

**sabiyyii** *n* young child or baby *kun sabiyyii dha eeruma hin geenye* This girl is only a child; she is not old enough to get married.

**sablaa** Same as **salphaa** under **salphachuu**

**sablammii** *n* closely related group of people **sabaa fi sablammii** society and related group of people within a society

**sabloo** Same as **salphoo** under **salphachuu**

**sabrii** *n* calmness; composure; tolerance **sabrii godhu** Behave with composure.

**sabtii** *n* Saturday

**sadaasa** *n* November

**sadaffaa** See **sadii**

**sadafii** *n* butt, i.e., thicker, wooden end of a rifle

**sadan** See **sadii**

**sadanuu** See **sadii**

**sadaqaa** *n* alms usu given by a Moslem

**sadariyyaa** *n* vest

**sadarkaa** *n* 1 steps for climbing up a hill/mountain or for descending 2 rank, degree, or

grade on a vertical scale *buna sadarkaa tokkoffaa* Grade A coffee  
**saddeeqa** *n* a two-person game played with stones in twelve holes in the ground or on a board with twelve holes on it  
**saddeet** *adj, n* eight (8) *indaaqqoo saddeet* eight chickens *birri sadeetiin binne* We bought it for eight birri. **saddeet sadeetiin** *adv* in bundles, groups, parts, etc. of eight; eight each *saddeet sadeetiin achi kaayi* Put these away in groups of eight. *sadeet sadeetiin bitte* She bought these for eight (dollars, cents, etc.) each. **saddeettaffaa** *adj, n* eighth (8<sup>th</sup>) *saddeettaffaa baate* She became eighth. **saddeettama** *adj, n* eighty (80) *birri saddeettama* eighty birri **saddeettama** **saddeettamaan** *adv* in bundles, groups, units, etc. of eighty; for eighty each *birri saddeettama saddeettamann biti* Buy these for eighty birr each. **saddeettaman** *adv* (takes *tokko*) about eighty *walgayii irratti nama saddeettaman tokkotu argame* About eighty people showed up at the meeting. **saddeettamii** *adj* used when counting eighty-one to eighty-nine *saddeettamii tokko/lama/sadii/afur...* *saddeettamii sagal* eighty one/two/three/four ... eighty nine **saddeettammanuu** *n* all the eighty *miseensoti saddeettamannuu walgayii irratti argamaniiruu* All the eighty

members were present at the meeting. **saddeettan** *adj* 1 (takes *tokko*) about eight *sa'a saddeettan tokko qaba* He has about eight cows. 2 the eight of *nu/isin saddeettan barbaadu* They want the eight of us/you.  
**saddeettanuu** *n* all the eight *saddeettanuu dhufaniiru* All the eight (of them) have come.  
**saddeeta**<sup>1</sup> *n* an appointment that parents of a girl give to elders who come to negotiate marriage in/on behalf of a would-be husband  
**saddeeta**<sup>2</sup> *n* punishment given to criminals in *gadaa* democratic political system  
**saddeettaffaa** See *saddeet*  
**saddeettama** See *saddeet*  
**saddeettaman** See *saddeet*  
**saddeettamii** See *saddeet*  
**saddeettammanuu** See *saddeet*  
**saddeettan** See *saddeet*  
**sadee** See *sadii*  
**sadeeffachuu** *tv* have a third one, i.e., an additional third, *usu* of a drink for self  
**sadeen** Same as *sadan* under *sadii*  
**sadeenuu** Same as *sadanuu* under *sadii*  
**sadhab gochuu** *tv* transfix properly, *usu* a hunted animal with a spear *bosonuu sadhab godhee waraane* He transfixed an antelope properly.  
**sadiga** *n* a brother of one's husband  
**sadii** *adj, n* three (3) *ijoollee sadii qaba* He has three children.



**sadaffaa** (3<sup>rd</sup>) *adj*, *n* 1 third  
*sadaffaa baye* He became third 2  
 (of coffee) "third rate" coffee  
 obtained after boiling the same  
 coffee powder for the third time  
*buna sadaffaa ni/in dhugdaa?*  
 Would you drink "third rate"  
 coffee? *Lakkii ani isa abooliyyuu*  
*hin dhuguu* No, thanks. I don't  
 drink even "Grade A" coffee!  
**sadan** *adj* 1 (takes *tokko*) about  
 three *reettii sadan tokko qabdi* She  
 has about three goats. 2 the three  
 of *isin sadan as kottaa* The three of  
 you, come here. **sadanuu**  
 (emphatic) *adv* all three of *isin*  
*sadanuu dhaquu ni/in dandeessu*  
 All three of you can go. **sadee** *n*  
 a three-member council or  
 committee **sadi sadiyiin** *adv* in  
 bundles, units, groups, etc. of  
 three each *qarshii kana sadi*  
*sadiyiin lakkaayi* Count this  
 money in threes **soddoma** *adj*, *n*  
 thirty (30) *sa'a soddoma* thirty  
 head of cattle *oolaa kana birri*  
*soddomaan bite* He bought this  
 sheep for thirty birr. **soddoman**  
*adj* 1 (takes *tokko*) about thirty  
*nama soddoman tokko duwwaatu*  
*gabaa baye* Only about thirty  
 people came to the market. 2 the  
 three of *nu soddoman* the thirty of  
 us **soddoma soddomaan** *adv* in  
 thirties; for thirty each *soddoma*  
*soddomaan bite* He bought them  
 for thirty units each. **soddomii**  
*adj* used when counting thirty-  
 one to thirty-nine e.g., *soddomii*

*afur* thirty four *soddomii sagal*  
 thirty nine  
**sadiyee** Same as *sadii*  
**sadiyi** Same as *sadii*  
**sadoo**<sup>1</sup> See *saduu*  
**sadoo**<sup>2</sup> *adj* rich and prosperous  
**saduu** *iv* plot against **sadoo** *n* plot  
 to do harm to sb *sadoo sadanii*  
*Taaddasaa Birruu ajjeessan* They  
 plotted against Taaddasaa Birru  
 and killed him.  
**safafuu** Same as *iccitii*  
**safara** See *safaruu*  
**safara** See *safaruu*  
**safaraa** *adv* before hand; first; in  
 advance *safaraa hin dubbatin; dura*  
*waan inni jedhuu dhaggeeffadhu*  
 Do not speak first; first listen to  
 what he has to say.  
**safarachuu**<sup>1</sup> *tv* count on, pin one's  
 hopes on, rely on, trust in/to  
 sth/sb, usu place in a position of  
 trusting dependence *humna*  
*obboleessa isaa safaratee na arrabse*  
 Putting trust in his brother's  
 physical strength, he called me  
 names. See also *abdachuu* (2)  
**safarachuu**<sup>2</sup> See *safaruu*  
**safaramuu** See *safaruu*  
**safarsiisuu** See *safaruu*<sup>1</sup>  
**safartuu** See *safaruu*<sup>1</sup>  
**safaruu**<sup>1</sup> *iv, tv* 1 weigh; measure,  
 i.e., find the size or quantity of  
 sth *buna kubbaayyaa lama safarii*  
*natti gurguri* Measure two cups  
 of coffee beans and sell them to  
 me. *dhadhaa kana naa safari mee;*  
*kiiloo meeqa* Please weigh this  
 butter for me; how many  
 kilograms is it? 2 camp (out);

stay *eessa safaran*? Where are they staying? *hoteela safaran* They are staying at a hotel. **safara n 1** measure *safara na duraa hir'ise* He gave me short measure. **2** vicinity or neighborhood *safara keenya kilinikiin hin jiru* There is no clinic in our neighborhood. **3** bus, railway, etc., station or depot *safara awutobusii* bus station **4** mart, stall, i.e., space or area in a market place exclusively reserved for the sale of, say, cattle, sheep, coffee, etc., *safara hoolaa* sheep stall **5** camp, i.e., place where people temporarily live/settle in hotels, tents, etc., **6** full *walakkaa miti*; *safara naa kenni* Not half, give me full (of the thing with which sth is being measured). **safarachuu tv 1** measure or weigh for self *buna kana ofuma keetii safaradh<sup>u</sup>u fudhu* You measure/weigh the coffee beans yourself and take it. **2** Same as *abdachuu* (**2**) **safaramuu tv** (passive) be measured or weighed *bunni kun yoo safarame kiiloo ykn kubbaayyaa meeqa ta'a sitti fakkaata?* If measured/weighed how many kilograms/cups do you think this coffee would be? **safarsiisuu tv** cause to measure/weigh *buna safarsiisii na eegi* Have the coffee beans measured or weighed and wait for me. **safartuu n** any standardized unit for measuring or weighing, e.g., a cup, a glass, a balance, etc.

**safaruu<sup>2</sup> iv** respect sb *oromoon nama dhugaa dubbatu safara* Oromos respect people who speak the truth. **safara n** respect **safaramuu tv** (passive) be respected; see also *kabajuu* and *ulfeessuu* under *ulfaachuu*

**safa'uu tv** sow seeds (usu barley, peas, sorghum) on bushy or grassy ground first (i.e., without cultivating it) and then cut the bush or grass, let it rot and serve as fertilizer *atariin inni safa'ee toleeraaf* The pea crop he has grown by sowing the pea seeds on bushy or grassy ground, has thrived/throve/thriven. **safoo n** act of growing certain crops by sowing the seeds on bushy/grassy ground and by cutting the bush/grass and let it rot *atara safoo* pea crop made to grow on bushy, uncultivated ground

**safeeffachuu iv** be polite/courteous; show respect *sarageen nama hin safeeffattu* A vagabond does not respect people.

**safeeffachiisuu tv** cause to respect **safeeffataa adj** (of males) respectful; polite/courteous **safeeffattuu adj** (of females) polite/courteous; respectful

**safeeffataa** See *safeeffachuu*

**safeeffattuu** See *safeeffachuu*

**saffaatoo n 1** cushion or pad put on the head to prevent abrasion from a load carried on the head **2** circular or round ring/band of

grass, etc., used as a stand for jars

**saffiftuu** See *saffisuu*

**saffisa** See *saffisuu*

**saffisaa** See *saffisuu*

**saffisiisuu** See *saffisuu*

**saffistuu** Same as *saffiftuu* under *saffisuu*

**saffisuu** *iv* 1 grow or develop fast  
*mucaan isaa ni/in saffise* His child has grown big and fast. 2 do sth fast; reach one's destination fast  
*ojii illee ni/in ojjata, garuu hin saffisu* He works, but he doesn't work fast. **saffiftuu** *adj* (of females) fast (in developing or doing things) **saffisa** *n* briskness, quickness, swiftness, or fast  
**saffisaa** *adj* (of males) fast; swift; quick **saffisiisuu** *tv* cause to be quick or fast (in doing sth)

**safii** Same as *gundoo*

**safiyaa** Same as *saafiyaa*

**safoo** See *safa'uu*

**saftii** Same as *sabtii*

**safuu** *int, n* 1 oh, i.e., expression of astonishment, fear, pain, pity, shame, etc. (usu said when sth sad) Speaker A: *abbaan isaa du'eera* His father has passed away. Speaker B: *safuu dha* Oh, what a pity. "*Safuu yaa afaanii!*" *jedhe funyaan waan afaan keessaa bawuuf waan afaan lixu ilaalee* (having a low opinion of sth) "Oh, mouth!" said a nose after observing what comes out and goes into the mouth. (what comes out or goes into the mouth can be terrible to hear or

look at) 2 high moral standard; morality, i.e., a system of principles or values of behavior the Oromo society accepts and respects Oromoon *safuu dhaan bula; amaarri awaajiin bula* [wit] Oromos are guided by high moral principles whereas the Amharas are guided by proclamations.

**sagaa** *adj* (usu of babies) big *sagaa kana maaliif baatta?* Why are you carrying this big child (since he/she is big enough to sit or walk by him/her self?

**sagaagalummaa** See *sagaagaluu*

**sagaagaluu** *iv* prostitute, i.e., have sex with men in exchange for money **sagaagalummaa** *n* prostitution **sagaaggala** *adj* of a married man who indulges in extra marital affair

**sagaaggala** See *sagaagaluu*

**sagachiisuu** See *sagaduu*

**sagada** See *sagaduu*

**sagadachuu** See *sagaduu*

**sagaduu** *iv* 1 pray; worship  
*qoollootti sagaddi* She is praying at the place of worship. 2 Same as *uggumuu* **sagachiisuu** *tv* 1 cause to worship *qoollootti nu sagachiisan* They made us pray in the place of worship. 2 cause to beg excessively *na hin sagachiisin; yoo barbaadde naa kenni* Don't make me beg you so much; give it to me or leave it. **sagada** *n* pray; worship *jaartiin kun sagada hin jaal'atanu* This old woman does not like worship-

ping. **sagadachuu** *tv* pray or worship for self *sagadattee gabaa baate* She first prayed and then went to the market.

**sagagamtuu** Same as *qolee*

**sagal** *adj, n* nine (9) **sagalaffaa** *adj* ninth **sagalan** *adj, n* (takes *tokko*) about nine *reettii saglan tokko gabu* They have about nine goats.

**sagal sagaliin** *adv* in nines; for nine each *oolaa sadii qarshii sagal sagaliin bitte* She bought three sheep for nine birr each.

**sagaltama** *adj, n* ninety (90)

**sagaltama sagaltamaan** *adv* in nineties; for ninety each *tumaamessoota isaa birr sagaltama sagaltamaan gurgure* He sold his fat male sheep/goats for ninety birr each **sagaltaman** *adj, n* about ninety. **sagaltamii** *adj* used when counting ninety-one to ninety-nine *sagaltamii saddeet* ninety eight **salgan** **1** Same as *saglan* above **2** a period of nine days during which a woman is confined after giving birth *salgan isee har'a raaw'ata; bor ojii jalqabuu ni/in dandeessi* Her nine days of confinement end today; she can start her normal activities tomorrow. **salgan booranaa** *n* a nine-member politbureau in the *gadaa* system of democratic government **salgee** *adj, n* **1** a nine-member council or committee **2** nonagenarian, i.e., a 90-year old person; also a person who is between 90 and 100 years old

**sagalaffaa** See *sagal*

**sagalan** See *sagal*

**sagalee**<sup>1</sup> *n* **1** voice; sound *sagaleen isee namatti tola* She has sweet voice. *sagalee furdaa* a deep voice *sagalee qalloo* a shrill voice *hedduu hin dubbatin; sagaleen si duudaa* Don't talk too much; you will have a hoarse voice (or you will lose your voice completely). **2** news *sagalee isaa atuun hin dhagayin tureera; jiraatee fi du'ee hin beeku* It has been a long time since I heard from him; I don't know whether he is dead or alive.

**sagalee**<sup>2</sup> Same as *nyaata* (1) under *nyaachuu*

**sagaltama** See *sagal*

**sagaltaman** See *sagal*

**sagaltamii** See *sagal*

**sagantaa** See *saganteeffamuu*

**saganteeffamuu** *tv* (passive) [usu of plan of events, activities, etc.] be scheduled **sagantaa** *n* program, i.e., plan of events, jobs, activities, radio, TV etc.; see also *qophii* (2) under *qophaawuu*

**sagaraa** *n* **1** flower or vegetable garden, usu in one's backyard **2** Same as *boolii*

**sagaruu** Same as *saggaaruu*

**saggaarii** See *saggaaruu*

**saggaarsisuu** See *saggaaruu*

**saggaaruu** *iv* (used of mules) trot, i.e., go at a speed which is between a walk and a run *gaangeen isaa hin saggaartu* His mule does not trot. **saggaarii** *adj* (of a mule) trotter *gaangee*

**saggaarii** a mule that trots well  
**saggaarsisuu** *tv* cause to trot  
**gaangee saggaarsise** He trotted the mule.  
**saggee** Same as *qolee*  
**saggoda** Same as *utaalloo*  
**saggo** Same as *qolee*  
**saglan** Same as *sagalan* under *sagal*  
**saglii** *n* the smallest military unit, usu consisting of 10 privates, a staff sergeant, and a corporal; squad  
**sakaa** *n* land on which nothing grows; unproductive land  
**sakaalchisuu** Same as *takaalchisuu* under *takaaluu*  
**sakaallaa** Same as *takaallaa* under *takaaluu*  
**sakaallachuu** Same as *takaallachuu* under *takaaluu*  
**sakaalsisuu** Same as *takaalchisuu* under *takaaluu*  
**sakaaluu** Same as *takaaluu*  
**sakabaa** See *sakabuu*  
**sakabduu** See *sakabuu*  
**sakabuu** *iv, tv* backbite or slander sb who is not present **sakabaa** *n* (of male) backbiter **sakabduu** *n* (of female) backbiter; see also *hamachuu*  
**sakarata** *n* time when ghosts are believed to come out from their hiding  
**sakarsiisuu** Same as *saggaarsisuu* under *saggaaruu*  
**sakaruu** Same as *saggaaruu*  
**sakatta'amu** See *sakatta'uu*  
**sakatta'uu** *tv* ransack, i.e., search thoroughly *lafa ati aalbee keesse sakatta'een dhabe* I ransacked

every place, but I could not find the knife. *ani dhugaa sitti himeera; yoo na sakkatta'uu barbaadde kottu gaa* I have told you the truth; if you want to search me, come and do it. **sakkatta'amu** *tv* (passive) be examined thoroughly to check if sth is concealed by the person being searched  
**sakeraa** Same as *busaa*  
**sakkaarra'uu** Same as *shaakaraawuu*  
**sakkabuu** *tv* discredit sb who has done one a favor by falsely complaining that he/she has been mean to one  
**sakkansiisuu** See *sakkanuu*  
**sakkanuu** *iv* (usu used of coffee in a pot just taken off the fire) settle, i.e., become clear as solid particles sink *bunni sakkaneeraa buusi* The coffee has settled, so pour it. **sakkansiisuu** *tv* cause coffee to settle *jabanaa abidda irraa baasii sakkansiisi* Take the coffee pot off the fire and let the coffee in it settle.  
**salaabii** See *sallabuu*  
**salaam** *n* a salutation or greeting meaning peace to you and to all of us  
**salaamataa** *n* a formal military salute  
**salaasa** *n* Tuesday; see also *kibxata* and *bal'oo*  
**salaata** *n* the daily prayers of a Moslem or Muslim  
**salaaxaa** *n* lettuce

**salaloo** *n* comfort that is the result of prosperity

**salaqa** Same as **quncee** under *qunca'uu*

**salbaandeettii** *n* name of the 12<sup>th</sup> day of a month

**saldiqa** *adj* of an uncooperative person who can't get along with others

**salfii** *n* parade *kottaa dhaqnee salfii ilaallaa* Come, let's go and watch the parade.

**salgaffaa** Same as *sagalaffaa* under *sagal*

**salgan** See *sagal*

**salgee** See *sagal*

**salgii** **1** nonagenarian; see also *slagee* under *sagal* **2** Same as *qolee*; see also *qucee* and *saggoo*

**saliixii** *n* sesame plant or seed

**sallabuu** *tv* steal or pick sb's pocket *birri shan kiisii koo keessaa sallaban* They stole five birri from my pocket **salaabii** *n* pickpocket; thief; see also **hattuu** under *hatuu*

**sallalloo** *n* somersault, i.e., children's game in which the players fix their hands to the ground and roll the body end over end, usu forward, making a complete revolution

**sallaqachuu** Same as *bulleeffachuu* under *bullaawuu*

**sallaqamuu** Same as *bulleeffamuu* under *bullaawuu*

**sallaq gochuu** *tv* finish, usu finish food and lick the container in which it is served *marqaa xebbee tokko sallaq godhe* He finished a

plateful of porridge (and licked the plate, too). **sallaqsituu** *n* consumer, usu one who consumes away wastefully

**sallaqsituu** See *sallaq gochuu*

**sallaqsuu** **1** Same as *sallaq gochuu* **2** Same as *bulleessuu* under *bullaawuu*

**sallaquu** Same as *bullaawuu*

**salla'uu** add sth up, calculate, compute; reckon *horii arkaa qabduu osoo hin salla'in mana dhugaati hin seenin* Don't enter a bar (where alcohol drink is served) before you calculate how much money you have.

**salphaa** See *salphachuu*

**salphachuu** *iv* **1** (used of weight) be light *ba'aan kun hedduu harreetti salphateeraa itti dabaliif* This load is too light for the donkey; put some more load on it. **2** feel shame at not having done sth properly or for doing sth improper *nan salphadhe atuun mana hin harin keessummaan natti dhufe* I felt shame because a guest arrived before I have cleaned the house. *fatanaa kufee salphate* He felt shame at failing his examination. **salphaa** *adj* **1** light *ba'aa isa salphaa mucaan ha baatu* Let the child carry the light load. **2** (of persons) shameless; undignified *namichi salphaan kun asii maal godha?* What is this shameless man doing here? **salphina** *n* **1** shame *atuun nuyi hin qophaayin warri soddaa nurraan (nu irraan) bayan; kun salphina*

Our in-laws paid us a surprise visit before we were ready. This is shame! **2** lightness *ba'aa isa kana baachuu salphina isaatiif filate* He chose to carry this load for its lightness. **salphisuu** *tv* **1** embarrass *mucaan kun nama fuul duratti na salphise* This child embarrassed me before strangers. **2** (used of work, undertaking, etc.,) do or finish the major part of *ojii keenya splhifneerra* We have done the major part of our work. **3** reduce weight, burden, etc., *ba'aa koo irraa hirmatee naa salphise* He reduced the weight of my load by sharing part of it.

**salphina** See *salphachuu*

**salphisuu** See *salphachuu*

**salphoo** Same as *salphaa* under *salphachuu*

**saluu** *tv* (vulgar) fuck a female; have sexual intercourse with a female; make love to; sleep with

**samaa** See *samuu*

**samaanaa** See *samaanuu*

**samaanuu** *tv* guarantee or promise, usu in the presence of witnesses with authority, to do/not to do sth, give sth, etc *birri dhibba isa narraa liqeeffatte akka naa deebiftuu naa samaani* Promise that you will pay me back the one hundred birri you borrowed from me. **samaanaa** *adj, adv* (of a wife) lawful or legal *niitii samaanaa* lawful wife *isee kana samaanaa dhaanin fuudhe* I married this one legally.

**samada** Same as *samata* under *samatu*

**samadaa** Same as *samataa* under *samatu*

**samadalloo** *adj* (of a person) dirty *gurbaa samadaloo nana cal jedhi* Be quiet; you dirty boy.

**samadu** Same as *samatu*

**samata** See *samatu*

**samataa** See *samatu*

**samatu** *tv* purchase grain and other food items and use it instead of producing it by self, a practice frowned upon traditionally **samata** *n* buying of grain and other food items

**samataa** *adj* of a male human who buys grain instead of producing it himself

**sambat** [short form of *sambata*] Same as *sanbat*

**sambata** Same as *sanbata*

**sambata duraa/sambat duraa** Same as *sanbata/sanbat duraa*

**sambata/sambat guddaa** Same as *sanbata/sanbat guddaa*

**sambata/sambat xinnoo** Same as *sambata/sambat xinnoo*

**samii** *n* sky **bifa samii** *adj* blue; see also *waaqa* (2)

**sammaaree** Same as *quufa* (2) under *quufuu*

**sammuu** *n* **1** head; brain, i.e., the mass of soft gray matter in the head **2** brain/brains, i.e., intelligence *namichi kun sammuu hin qabu* This man hasn't got any brain. **3** fontanel/fontanelle *sammuu daa'ima ni/in dhikkifata* A baby's fontanel pulsates.

**samsuu** See *samuu*

**samtuu** See *samuu*

**samuu** *tv* **1** mold or spoil

*buddeenri kun sameeraa gati* This

bread has molded/spoiled;

throw it away. **2** become very

dirty *kittaan kee sameeraa miicci*

Your shirt has become very

dirty, so wash it. **3** become

rancid *dhadhaan kun sameera* This

butter has become rancid. **samaa**

*adj* **1** moldy or spoiled *buddeena*

*samaa* moldy or spoiled bread **2**

(of male humans) dirty *gurbaan*

*samaa kun maaliif dhanna isaa hin*

*dhiqatu?* Why doesn't this dirty

boy take a bath? **3** rancid *dhadhaa*

*samaa* rancid butter **samsuu** *tv* **1**

make moldy or cause to spoil

*bukoo kana akkamitti samsite?*

How did she make this

dough/batter spoil? **2** make

dirty *kittaa isa inni akkana samse*

*kana maaltu xurii ittii baasa?* What

will remove the stains from this

shirt which he had made so

dirty? **samtuu** *adj* (of persons)

very dirty *ojiin intala samtuu*

*kanaa tasa hin tolu* This dirty

girl's work is never right.

**san** Short form of *sana*

**sana** *adj, pron* **1** that *gurbaa sana*

*waami* Call that boy *sana naa*

*kenni* Give me that one. **2**

(modifies pl, too) those *jara sana*

*gaafadhu* Ask those people.

*ijoollee sana barbaaddi* She is

looking for those children

**sanaan** *prep* with that or with

those *billaa sanaan hin taphatin*

Don't play with that knife.

*ijoollee sanaan asi kottaa jedhiin*

Tell those children to come here.

**sanatti** *prep* to that or to those

*namicha sanatti hin himin* Don't

tell that person. *isa kana jara*

*sanatti kenni* Give this one to

those people. **sanattii** *prep* from

that or from those

*sangaa/sangoota sanatti funyoo*

*hiiki* Take off the rope/ropes

from that/those ox/oxen

**sanaabii** Same as *sanaafica*

**sanaafica** *n* mustard plant or seed;

mustard sauce

**sanaagaa** *n* bar of salt, usu for

cattle; see also *amoolee*

**sanaan** See *sana*

**sanacha** Same as *barruu*<sup>1</sup>; see also

*baxxeessa*

**sanamakkii** Same as *heexoo*

**sanatti** See *sana*

**sanattii** See *sana*

**sanbata** *n* Sabbath, i.e., Sunday;

see also *dilbata* which is used

currently **sanbat duraa**

Saturday; see also *sanbata* which

is used currently **sanbat guddaa**

*n* Sunday; see also *dilbata* which

is in current use

**sanbat xinnoo** Same as *sanbat*

*duraa* under *sanbata*

**sandaaboo** See *sandaabuu*

**sandaabuu** *iv* (used of

corn/maize stalk) flower

*boqqolloon sandaabeera* The corn

has flowered. **sandaaboo** *n*

flower on the tip of a corn stalk

**sandaaffoo** *n* tall grass that grows

on swampy ground



**sandaba** *n* embellishment, decoration, or ornament women wear on their foreheads  
**sanduqii** Same as *saanduqii*  
**sanduuqa** Same as *saanduqii*  
**sangaa** *n* 1 ox *sangaa qale* He slaughtered an ox (for food). 2 yoke, i.e., a pair of oxen working together on a farm. *sangaa qambarrii meeqa qabda?* How many pairs of oxen or a yoke of oxen (i.e., two oxen under one yoke) do you have? 3 measure of land/crop, i.e., as measured by the area cultivated by a yoke of oxen during its normal working hours in one day *barana atara sangaa lama duwwaan qote* This year I grew peas on land cultivated by a yoke of oxen that worked for two days. *boqqolloon isaa duwwaan sangaa digdama* His corn crop alone measures "twenty yoke of oxen". *ani lafa sangaa lama duwwaan qaba* I have a plot of land on which a yoke of oxen can work only for two days. 4 also refers to a stallion *sangaa fardaa* a male horse  
**sangoomfachuu** See *sangoomuu*  
**sangoomsuu** See *sangoomuu*  
**sangoomuu** *iv* 1 (used of fighting bulls) lose, i.e., be defeated *kormi kee ni/in sangoomu* Your bull lost the fight. 2 be castrated *dibichi koo sangoomera* My young bull is castrated 3 be fat *kormi koo sangoomera* My bull has become fat **sangoomfachuu** *tv* castrate or

fatten for self **sangoomsuu** *tv* castrate; fatten  
**sanqal** Same as *dugda* (1)  
**sanqalaa** *n* Nilot/Nilote; Nilotic person  
**sansakkaa** *n* 1 personality 2 proper order  
**sansalata** *n* 1 chain *sansalataan yoo hiite malee funyoo ni/in kuta* You tie it (an animal) with a chain; otherwise, it will break a rope. 2 chains, handcuff, fetter, or shackle *sansalataan nu lamaa walitti hidhani* They chained the two of us together.  
**santawwaa** Same as *sattawwaa*  
**sanyii** *n* 1 (animals or persons) breed or stock *sanyiin oolaa kanaa lakkuu dhalti* This breed of sheep gives birth to twins. 2 seed; seed grain *boqqolloo isa kana sanyii dhaaf achi kaayi* Put this ear of corn aside; it will be used as seed grain **sanyii filatamaa** *n* choice or the best quality grain seeds 3 clan, race, species, or tribe *sanyii Oromoo* Oromo tribe *sanyii namaa* the human race/species *sanyii ofii fagaaratu urgaaya* (saying) The buttocks of one's own tribe smell nice [true nationalism] 4 kind or type *sanyiin muka kanaa biyya keenya duwwaa jira* This kind/species of tree is found only in our country. *sanyii kittaa keetii naa biti* Buy me your type of shirt.  
**sanyoo** *n* 1 mistress, i.e., a woman having a regular affair with a man she is not married to *iseen*

*sanyoo isaati malee niitii isaa miti*  
 She is his mistress; she is not his wife. **2** lover, i.e., a man having regular love affair with a woman to whom he is not married *inni sanyoo iseeti malee dhirsa isee miti*  
 He is her regular lover; he is not her husband.

**saphaliisa** *n* a kind of bird

**saphaphuu** *n* algae, i.e., greenish water plant; moss

**saphii** (vulgar) *n* pubic hair  
*jarjaraan saphii sala* [vulgar saying] A hasty man fucks the pubic hair.

**saphlachuu** Same as *salphachuu*

**saphlina** Same as *salphina*

**saphlisuu** Same as *salphisuu*  
 under *salphachuu*

**saqa** *n* lower area/place *saqa bu'e*  
 He went down. See also *gad* (1)

**saqaaluu** Same as *takaaluu*

**saqaca** See *saqachuu*

**saqacuu** *tv* **1** retail, i.e., sell goods in small amounts *sogidda saqaca*  
 He retails salt. **2** Same as *geeddaruu* (4) **saqaca** *n* retail as opposed to wholesale business  
*saqaca moo jilmaa nagada* Is his business retail or wholesale?

**saqalaa** *n* square or rectangular house

**saqalachuu** Same as *camadachuu*  
 under *camaduu*

**saqalamuu** Same as *camadamuu*  
 under *camaduu*

**saqalee** Same as *saqalaa*

**saqaluu** Same as *camaduu*

**saqaxaxa** *n* commemorative banquet for the deceased, given

after forty days of burial/interment

**saqqii** *n* belt; see also *qabattoo* (1)  
 under *qabuu*

**sara** Same as *damee* under *damaawuu*

**saraaraa** Same as *gombisaa* (1)

**saragee** *adj, n* (usu of an unmarried man) irresponsible, miscreant, rude, tramp, vagabond, vagrant, or villain  
*booche haati saragee deeché*  
 (saying) She who gave birth to a vagabond always cries.

**saragummaa** *n* lewdness; vulgarism

**saragummaa** See *saragee*

**sarana** *adv* after this time *deemeera*;  
*sarana isa hin argitu* He has gone; you won't be able to see him after this time or today.

**sarandiidaa** **1** Same as *firinxiixaa*  
 under *firinxiixuu* **2** Same as *sardiidaa*

**sarandiiduu** Same as *firinxiixuu*

**sararachiisuu** See *sararuu*

**sararachuu** See *sararuu*

**sarariitii** *n* spider

**sarartuu** See *sararuu*

**sararuu** *tv* **1** adorn, decorate, or design i.e., put a pattern of lines, flowers, etc. on; see also *barreessuu* (1) **2** write; see also *qubeessuu* **sararachiisuu** *tv* cause to design **sararachuu** *tv* design for self **sarartuu** *adj* of a person who designs

**sarbaa** *n* calf, i.e., the fleshy part of the back of human leg, corresponding to the shin

**sarbamuu** See *sarbuu*  
**sarboofa** *n* a kind of a creeper plant  
**sarbuu** *tv* take sth by force; rob  
**sarbamuu** *tv* (passive) be robbed; be taken by force  
**sarcoo** *n* sorghum grain that doesn't pop  
**sardaa** See *sarduu*  
**sardamaa** See *sarduu*  
**sardamtuu** See *sarduu*  
**sardamuu** See *sarduu*  
**sardiidaa** *n* [lit a dog that refused to be domesticated] fox or jackal  
**sardiidoo** Same as *sardiidaa*  
**sardisiisuu** See *sarduu*  
**sardoo** Same as *marga* under *marguu*  
**sarduu** *tv* hasten, hurry, rush, or urge sb/sth on, i.e., cause to act, move, etc. fast *qalbii dhaan itti ha yaaduu isa hin sardin* Let him think things over carefully; don't rush him. See also *jerjersuu* under *jerjeruu* **sardaa** *adj* of a man who urges people to hurry or who drives people to work or act fast, almost until they collapse **sardamaa** *adj* (of male) hasty or hurried **sardamtuu** *adj* (of female) hasty or hurried hasty or hurried **sardamuu** *tv* (passive) be rushed or be driven to act or work fast **sardisiisuu** *tv* cause to drive/to work fast  
**saree** *n* 1 dog *saree maraatuutu isa ciniine* A mad/rabid dog bit him. *sareen gooftaa ishii malee goftaa gooftaa ishii him/im beektu* (saying) A dog only knows his

own master; he does not know the master of his own master. *sitti tole akka saree bara hongee* (saying) Everything is going well for you as it does for dogs at times of drought (when there is plenty of carcass for them to eat). 2 (fig) bitch or cur, i.e., badly behaved person *sareen kun maal siin jettee?* What did this bitch say to you? **arraba saree** *adj* (usu applies to local bread) thin and small *buddeena arrabe saree* thin and small bread **saree dhaltuu** *n* bitch, i.e., a female dog **saree korma** *n* a male dog **saree maraatu** *n* a rabid dog **saree yayii** *n* wolf  
**saree dhaltuu** See *saree*  
**saree korma** See *saree*  
**saree maraatu** See *saree*  
**saree yayii** See *saree*  
**sarganyaa** *n* a mixture of white and red *xaafii* (see)  
**sargeenyaa** *n* skin tear due to thorns and other reasons  
**sariitii** *n* 1 a plant, the flower of which is used for scarring the skin, usu the wrist area 2 a trophy, usu tail of buffalo, mounted and erected near a road as a memorial to the deceased, a man who had proved his virility as a killer of big game 3 Same as *sarariitii*  
**sarkama** *n* kind of tree  
**sarma** See *sarmuu*  
**sarmisiisuu** See *sarmuu*  
**sarmituu** See *sarmuu*

**sarmuu** *iv* fear; obey, or submit oneself to *inni eenyuufuu hin sarmu* He does not obey/fear anybody. **sarma** *n* obedience **sarmisiisuu** *tv* cause to obey or submit **sarmituu** *adj* (of female) obedient

**sarxee** *n* a kind of tree [lobelia]

**sasafachuu** Same as *safeeffachuu*

**sasi** an expression used to command or order a dog to assault a thief, a wild animal, etc.,

**sassa'amu** See *sassa'uu*

**sassaaquu** See *saaquu*

**sassachuu** Same as *sassatuu*

**sassata** See *sassatuu*

**sassataa** See *sassatuu*

**sassatamuu** Same as *qusatamuu* under *qusachuu*

**sassattuu** See *sassatuu*

**sassatuu** *iv* 1 be close-fisted, mean, miserly, niggardly, or stingy *orii sassatee ijoollee isaatii osoo uffata him/im bitin deebi'e* He was so stingy that he returned home without buying clothes for his children. 2 value or prize sth *sangaa isaatiif baay'ee sassata; namaa hin ergisu* He values his yoke of ox so much that he won't lend it to anybody. 3 economize; see also *qusachuu*

**sassata** *n* miserliness or stinginess *inni sassata him/im beeku* He doesn't know what stinginess means, i.e., he is generous. **sassataa** *adj* (of male) miserly; stingy *abbaan isaa sassataa dha* His father is stingy.

**sassattuu** *adj* (of person) stingy or miserly *namicha/niitii sassattuu* a stingy man/woman

**sassa'uu** *tv* 1 search properly 2 Same as *saasa'uu* **sassa'amu** *tv* (passive) 1 be searched 2 Same as *saasa'amu* under *saasa'uu*

**sasuu** *iv* lie down in order to avoid being seen

**sata'uu** *tv* remove a vessel from fire before its content is cooked well or properly

**satoo** *n* 1 sheath, i.e., cover for the blade of, usu spear *satoo eeboo isaatti deebisi* Put the spear back in its sheath 2 ring fastened to a wall for supporting spears 3 hay, grass, etc. on which corn/maize is spread and sun dried

**sattawwaa** *n* 1 giraffe 2 bracelet, necklace, etc. made from the hair of giraffes' tail

**sattiyaa** Same as *bosonuu*

**saxxoo** *n* a kind of tree

**saylan** Same as *sagalan* under *sagal*

**saylii** Same as *saglii*

**sayyuu** *n* sister-in-law, i.e., relationship, for instance, between a husband's sister and his wife *haati manaa kootii fi obboleettiin koo walii sayyuu dha* My wife and my sister are *sayyuu's*, so they address or refer to each other as *sayyuu*.

**se'a** Same as *karaa* (1)

**se'achiisuu** See *se'uu*<sup>2</sup>

**se'achuu** See *se'uu*<sup>2</sup>

**se'amu** See *se'uu*

**se'annaa** See *se'uu*<sup>2</sup>

**se'atamuu** Same as *se'amuu* under *se'uu*<sup>2</sup>

**sebee** *adj* intimate *jarri walii sebee dha* They are intimate friends.

**secca'uu** *tv* separate grain (usu beans, lentils, or peas) from dirt by picking the dirt and throwing it away. *atara seccaati* She is picking dirt from peas. **seccoo** *n* dirt, usu in beans, lentils, or peas *atariin kun seccoo duuwaa dha* These peas are full of dirt/unwanted particles.

**seccoo** See *secca'uu*

**sedaree** *n* a kind of tree

**sedoo** *n* a kind of tree

**see** *adj*, *pron* [always object form; short form of *isee*] her; hers *kun kooti suun kan seeti* This is mine; that one is hers. *maqqaan see eenyu* What is her name? *ilma see waami* Call her son.

**seedata** *n* exchange of goods; trade

**seeddigaa** *n* brother-in-law, i.e., one's wife's brother

**seefii** *n* sword

**seekkera** Same as *yeekkara* under *yeekkaruu*

**seekkeree** Same as *yeekkara* under *yeekkaruu*

**seekkeruu** Same as *yeekkaruu*

**seelaa** See *seela'uu*

**seelachuu** Same as *seela'uu*

**seela'uu** *iv* (used of tooth, edge of opening of objects such as jars and cups) chip or be chipped *uuroon koo ni/in seela'e* My jar is chipped. **seelaa** *adj* chipped *uuroo seelaa* a chipped jar

**seelessuu** *tv* cause to chip *eenyutu uuroo koo seelesse?* Who caused my jar to chip? **seelkoo** *adj* usu of a tooth from which a piece is chipped *ilkaan isaa seelkoo dha* He has a tooth with a piece chipped off. See also *sheela'uu*

**seelechuu** Same as *seelessuu* under *seela'uu*

**seelee** Same as *seelaa* under *seela'uu*

**seelessuu** See *seela'uu*

**seelka'uu** Same as *seelachuu* under *seela'uu*

**seelkee** Same as *seelaa* under *seela'uu*

**seelkoo** See *seela'uu*

**seelmaa** Same as *riqaa*

**seemmoo** Same as *semmoo*

**seena** See *seenuu*

**seena** *n* 1 history *seena* Oromo the history of Oromo nation 2 remorse or bitter regret for one's failure to help sb *mana qorichaatti atuun isa hin geessin du'uun isaa seenaa natti ta'e* I am filled with remorse for not taking him to hospital before his death. 3 an interesting or moving historical speech or conversation *haasaa mi'ooftuu haasaa seenaa qabdu dubbate* He made an interesting and moving historical speech. **seenessaa** *n* historian

**seena'uu** *iv* (usu covert jealousy) covet, desire, or wish very much *uffanni isaa nama seenaasisa* His clothes makes one jealous. See also *weenuu*

**seendoo** *n* a kind of tree

**seensisuu** See *seenuu*

**seenuu** *iv* 1 get in; enter *ol seenaa buna dhugaa* Come in and drink coffee. *seenteettii* Has she entered? 2 join a military, a school, an association, etc., *ati maaliif mana barnootaa hin seenne?* Why don't you start school? 3 be incarcerated or be admitted to hospital *mana qorichaa/hidhaa eega seenee tureera* It has been a long time since he was hospitalized/sent to prison. 4 set in or start *ganni seene* The rainy season has set in/started. 5 break out/erupt *tasiboon biyya keenya seeneera* Typhus has broken out in our village. 6 (of the sun) set *aduun seenteetti* The sun has set. 7 use, i.e., employ for a purpose *billaan cabaan kun maalitti naa seena?* What is the use of this broken knife (for me)? **seena** *n* 1 entrance 2 setting in *seena gannaa* the setting of the rainy season **seensisuu** *tv* cause to enter; see also *galu* (1,3,7,8,10,11,14)

**seenxii** *n* penknife *seenxii dhaan isa waraane* He stabbed him with a penknife.

**seeqa** See *seequu*

**seeqaa** See *seequu*

**seeqqachuu** See *seequu*

**seeqsisuu** See *seequu*

**seequu** *iv* 1 smile; grin *ilmi kee irriba keessa seeqa* Your son grins in his sleep. 2 smolder, i.e., burn slowly with no flame *abiddi kun ni/in seeqa malee him/im boba'u*

This fire is only smoldering; it is not burning properly. **seeqa** *n* smile *seeqa daa'imaa* a baby's smile **seeqaa** *n* (of males) smiler **seeqqachuu** *iv* smolder *abiddi kun ni/in seeqqata malee boba'aa hin jiru* This fire is smoldering; it is not burning properly.

**seeqsisuu** *tv* cause to smile **seeqxuu** *n* (of females) smiler

**seeqxuu** See *seequu*

**seera**<sup>1</sup> See *seeruu*<sup>1</sup>

**seera**<sup>2</sup> See *seenuu*<sup>2</sup>

**seera**<sup>3</sup> See *seeruu*<sup>4</sup>

**seerachuu** See *seeruu*

**seeramaa** *Seeruu*

**seeramuu** See *seeruu*

**seera tumuu** See *seeruu*<sup>1</sup>

**seer didaa** *Seeruu*<sup>1</sup>

**seersisuu** See *seeruu*<sup>2</sup>

**seeruu**<sup>1</sup> forbid by law; ban **seera** *n* 1 law *seera biyya keenyaa* the law of our country 2 justice *seera natti murteessan* They convicted me, i.e., they decided against me. 3 custom or culture **seera afaanii** *n* grammar **seera baafachuu** *tv* legislate for self **seera baasuu** *tv* legislate *torban kana seera hedduu baasan* They have legislated many laws this week. **seerachuu** *tv* 1 ban, forbid, or proscribe by law 2 Same as **seera baafachuu** above **seeramaa** *adj* of sth forbidden or banned by law **seeramuu** *tv* (passive) be banned, forbidden, or be proscribed **seer didaa** *n* outlaw; rebel (lit one who refused to accept the law) **seera sagalee** *n*

(neologism) phonology **seera**  
**tumachuu** Same as *seera*  
*baafachuu* above **seera tumuu**  
 Same as **seera baasuu** above  
**seera namatti jigsuu** *tv* pass a  
 guilty verdict on sb  
**seeruu**<sup>2</sup> *tv* 1 begin/start to cut  
 trees and the like but stop before  
 the tree is felled 2 separate; see  
 also *addaan baasuu seera* *n* of sth  
 that is cut only half way but not  
 cut completely **seerachuu** *tv*  
 start or begin cutting for self  
**seeramaa** *n* of sth that is  
 started/begun to be cut  
**seeramu** *tv* be begun/  
 started to be cut *muki sun osoo*  
*seeramu baatee qilleensii*  
*tokkichaana isa hin jigsu ture* Had it  
 not been "wounded", as it were,  
 the wind would not have felled  
 that tree at once. **seersisuu** *tv*  
 cause to cut partly without  
 finishing it off altogether  
**seeruu**<sup>3</sup> (vulgar) Same as  
*qunxurroo*  
**seeruu**<sup>4</sup> *tv* plot against *hamaa natti*  
*hojjachuuf dhoksaa dhaan natti*  
*seeraa turan* They were plotting  
 to harm me. **seera** *n* plot; see also  
*saduu*  
**seestuu** See *seesuu*  
**seesuu** *iv* intend; hesitate; change  
 one's mind or back out (of), usu  
 from a promise or an  
 undertaking *ani isa gargaaruuf*  
*hin seesu* I won't hesitate to help  
 him. **seestuu** *adj* (of persons)  
 hesitant, shilly-shally,  
 undecided, or wavering

**seexaa** *n* ambition; determination  
*seexaan kee siif ha guutu* May your  
 ambition be realized or fulfilled  
 (for you). *seexaa dhaan yoon*  
*hojjadhe nan fixa* If I work with  
 determination, I can finish the  
 work (I started to do).  
**seexoo** *n* remnant of grain saved  
 in a granary for future use  
**seexxa'uu** *tv* 1 tear, usu false  
 banana leaves, into pieces *baala*  
*qoccoo kana iddoo baay'eetti*  
*seexaate* She cut this false banana  
 leaf into many pieces, say, for  
 wrapping butter with each piece  
 2 (used of paired palm leaf)  
 separate *meexxii naa seexxa'i*  
 Separate the palm leaf for me.  
**segecuu** Same as *segechuu*  
**sekkelfachuu** *iv* hobble or limp,  
 i.e., walk as when lame *harreen*  
*koo ni/in sekkelfatti maal taaate*  
*laata?* My donkey limps; what is  
 the matter with it? See also  
*okkoluu*  
**sekoo** *n* jest or joke *seko im/him*  
*baay'isin* Don't carry your joke  
 too far. *iji sekoo him/im beeku* The  
 eye is not something to be trifled  
 with. See also *qoosaa* under  
*qoosuu*  
**semmannoo** Same as *shammaanee*  
**semmoo** *n* 1 bottom part or the  
 floor of a granary *semmo*  
*gombisaa yoo uratee antuuti*  
*gombisaa seena* If there is a hole in  
 the floor of a granary, mice/rats  
 can enter the granary. 2 Same as  
*gombisaa*  
**senessuu** Same as *gaabbuu*

**sephaa** *adj* (said of male humans, usu in jest ) foolish, silly, or awkward *gurbaa sephaa nana kottuu midhaan nyaadhu* You silly boy, come and eat.

**segecuu** *tv* stint sb *dhirsi isee itti seqeca* Her husband stints her of money, food, etc.; see also *qubaan nama bulchuu* under *quba*

**segelee** Same as *miriixee* under *miriixamuu*

**sesaa** Same as *lugna* under *lugnoomuu*

**sesa'uu** *tv* search; look for *lafa ati keesse him/im beeku sesa'een dhabe* I don't know where you put it; I searched, but I couldn't find it. See also *barbaaduu*

**sesseqaa** See *sessequu*

**sessequu** *tv* separate or disengage pancake or bread from griddle with sharp stick *buddeenni eeleetti qabate*; *sesseqi* The bread is stuck to the griddle; loosen it with a stick. **sesseqaa** *n* sharp stick for loosening bread or pancake from griddle.

**setoo** Same as *seexoo*

**se'uu**<sup>1</sup> *iv* think or expect erroneously that sth happened or will happen, that sb did sth or will do sth, came or will come, etc., *ni/in dhufta seetee si eegaa oolte* She thought you would come, so she was waiting for you all day. *eenyuun na se'an* Who do they think I am! *si rukutan se'een fiigaa dhufe* I thought they hit you. That's why I came running. *nama ani beeku si*

*se'een si waame; dhiifama* I called you because I thought you were someone I knew; excuse me.

**se'amuu** *iv* (applies to appearance) look or seem *fagootti awuu ilaalanu bosonunn reettii se'amti* When looked at from a distance, an antelope looks like a goat.

**se'uu**<sup>2</sup> *iv* be too familiar, i.e., be unduly intimate, too personal, or be presuming **se'amuu** *tv* (passive) be made too intimate *ijoollee wajjin taphachuu baayy'iseen se'ame* I played with kids too much and made them too familiar. **se'achiisuu** *tv* cause to be unduly familiar **se'achuu** *tv* be too familiar with *eega na se'atee booda naa sarmuu dide* After he became too familiar, he refused to obey me.

**sexana** *n* 1 demon, devil, or Satan 2 wicked or evil person

**seylii** Same as *saglii*

**si** *pron* (sing, familiar address) you *si waamteettii?* Has she invited you? *si malee namni arge hin jiru* No one else saw it except you. *si barbaadu* They are looking for you. *si ajeesuu?* Will they kill you?

**si'a**<sup>1</sup> See *si'aawuu*

**si'a**<sup>2</sup> *adv, n* 1 when; time *si'a ati aara galfattu ani ammoo nan ojjadha* When you take rest, I will work. *siini kun si'a ojiiti malee si'a taphaa miti* This is time for work; it is not time for play. 2 (takes *tokko, lama, sadii*, etc.,) once,



twice, three times, etc., *si'a tokko*, once, *si'a lama* twice, *si'a sadii* three times, etc. *si'a lama dhufeen manaa si dhabe* I came twice, but I couldn't find you.

**si'aawuu** *iv* be ready; be alert; be vigilant/on the look out; lie/wait in ambush for sb  
*ojjachuuf si'aaye* He was ready to work. *si'aaye na rukute* He waited in ambush for me and hit him.  
*si'ooftee teesse* She sat alertly and waited for sth **si'a n** (usu of persons) speed *si'aan hin ojatu* He does not work with speed.  
*si'a hin qabdu* She has no speed.  
**si'ooftuu** *adj* (usu of females) fast in doing sth *tokkichumaan nyaata qopheessite; intalli kun si'ooftuu dha* She prepared the meal at once; this woman is fast.

**si'achi** Same as *sichi*

**si'achuu** *iv* 1 crave or desire; see also *seena'uu* 2 look daggers at sb  
*maaliif na si'atta?* Why are you looking daggers at me? 3 Same as *aggaamuu*

**si'a kana** Same as *si'ana*

**si'ana** *adv* at this time *bor si'ana kottu* Come tomorrow, at this time.

**si'ooftuu** See *si'aawuu*

**sibaaka** *n* dye, i.e., a substance used for coloring skein or straw used for weaving baskets, etc.

**sibiila** *n* 1 iron/metal/steel 2 gun  
*alkan sibiila malee manaa bawuu hin jaal'adhu* I don't like to go out at night without a gun. 3 (fig)

strong or tough *arki isaa sibiiluma* His arm is as strong as steel.

**sibijjii** *n* skin disease, probably eczema; acne

**sibirtoo** *n* cement

**sichi** *adv* henceforth or henceforward, i.e., from this time/from now on *sichi hin dhufu; hin eegin* She won't come henceforth, so don't wait for her.

**sidaama** *n* unrelated to an Oromo; non-Oromo

**siddaaraa** *n* fresh sorghum flour

**siddisa** *n* clover; see also *gurra sadee* under *gurra*

**sifa** See *sifaawuu*

**sifaawuu** *iv* (used of drinks or food) agree with, i.e., suit one's constitution or system *nyaatii ani eda nyaadhe naa hin sifoofne* The food I ate last night did not agree with me. **sifa** *n* nourishment, agreeing with, or becoming *sifa siif ha ta'u* May the food you have just eaten agree with you; bon appétit.

**sifeeffachuu** *tv* 1 (of food or drink) agree with or suit self 2 make money or sth borrowed one's own instead of paying for or returning it *dhagaraa na irraa ergifattee sana ni/in sifeeffatte mitii?* You made the ax you borrowed from me your own property, right? **sifeessuu** *tv* (of food or drink) cause to agree with *nyaata nyaachuuf qophoofne kana waaq nuuf ha sifeessuu* May God make the food we are about to eat agree with our system.

**sifeeffachuu** See *sifaawuu*

**sifeessuu** See *sifaawuu*

**siggaa** Same as *dhaamocha* under *dhaamochuu*

**siggachuu** Same as *dhaamochuu*

**sigigaachoo** See *sigigaachuu*

**sigigaachuu** *iv* 1 roll or slide

down *dhakaan tabba irraa gadi*

*sigigaate* The stone rolled down

the steep slope. *kottaa ijoolle,*

*tabba kana irraa gadi sigigaannaa*

Come children, let's slide down

this slope. 2 slip *sigigaattee kufte*

She slipped and fell **sigigaachoo**

*n* skating, i.e., a game children

play by sliding down on grassy

or muddy slope, *usu* by

standing/sitting on a pair of

sticks or bare foot; skating

*ijoolleen sigigaachoo taphachuutti*

*jiru* The children are playing at

sliding. **sigigeessuu** *tv* 1 make

ground slippery *ijoolleen iddoo*

*kana baay'ee sigigeessite* The

children made this place very

slippery. 2 roll or slide sth down

*muka jala dhokatee dhagaa gadi*

*nutti sigigeesse* He hid under a

tree and let stones roll down the

slope at us.

**sigigeessuu** See *sigigaachuu*

**sigigoo** Same as *sigigaachoo* under

*sigigaachuu*

**sigimoo** Same as **madabii** (1)

**sii** *pron* (sing; familiar address)

to/for you; in/on your behalf *sii*

*barbaada* He will search it for you

*birri meeqa sii liqeesse?* How many

dollars did he lend you? *isa sii*

*waamuu* Shall I call him for you?

*sii gaafadhuu* Shall I ask sb for

you or on your behalf? *sii*

*yaaddofte* She was concerned

about you.

**siibaa** 1 Same as *gaanii* 2 Same as

*gombisaa*

**siibijjii** Same as *sibijjii*

**siicoo** *n* dregs of beer, coffee, or

dregs remaining after soaked

grain has been ground and

strained.

**siidaa** *adj, n* 1 place of worship,

*usu* pile of pebbles or erected

poles used as altar 2 grave, i.e.,

burial place 3 big stone 4

memorial monument or statue 5

of sth which is very heavy

**siiksee** Same as *munnee*

**siiksuu** Same as *siiqsuu*

**siila** Same as *silga*

**siila'uu** *iv* (used of newly

acquired earthenware or

utensils) be broken in, be trained

or adopted, as it were, before

normal use just as a horse is

broken in. For instance, a new

griddle is first heated and then

wiped with butter, cabbage seed,

fat, flax powder and/or wax if

these are to be applied to the

griddle when normal use begins.

*eeleen inn kun hin siiloofne* This

griddle is not broken in yet, so to

speak **siileffachuu** *tv* break in

for self *eelee koo siileffadheera* I

have broken in my griddle for

self. **siilessiisuu** *tv* cause to

break in **siilessuu** *tv* break in

*eelee siilessiti* She is breaking in

the griddle, as it were. See *lafa*

for the idiom *lafa siilessuu*  
**siilettii** *n* 1 bread from a griddle  
 being broken in *siilettii dhiirri hin*  
*nyaatu* A man does not eat bread  
 baked on a griddle being broken  
 in 2 container in which incense is  
 burned **siiloftuu** *adj* of newly  
 acquired earthenware which is  
 already broken in, so to speak  
**siilcoo** *n* shucked fresh corn fried  
 in butter  
**siileffachuu** See *siila'uu*  
**siilessiisuu** See *siila'uu*  
**siilessuu** See *siila'uu*  
**siilessiisuu** See *siila'uu*  
**siilettii** See *siila'uu*  
**siiloftuu** See *siila'uu*  
**siiltuu** *adj* (derogatory) of a  
 person who recapitulates or  
 summarizes or repeats what has  
 been said  
**siinii** Same *shiinii*  
**siinqanii** Same as *qinqanii* under  
*qinqanaawuu*  
**siiquee** *adj* of an animal with white  
 tail; see also *muxaa*  
**siiquee** Same as *dhaabata* (1)  
**siiqsuu** *iv* whistle by forcing air  
 through the teeth or by blowing  
 through rounded lips *dubartiin*  
*hin siiqsituu* traditionally  
 women do not whistle. **siiquu** *n*  
 whistle, i.e., a sound produced  
 by whistling through the lips  
*siiquu dhaan na waame* He called  
 me by whistling.  
**siiquu**<sup>1</sup> Same as *siiqsuu*  
**siiquu**<sup>2</sup> See *siiqsuu*  
**siis** Suffixed to some verbs that  
 end in consonant plus infinitive

markers, "siis" changes them to  
 causative. Examples: (*muruu*)  
*mursiis* cause to cut (*sirbuu*)  
*abbaa masaanqoo waamii sirbisiisi*.  
 Invite a fiddle player and cause  
 him to sing. N.B. The verb that  
 precedes the consonant plus the  
 infinitive marker is always short.  
**siisa'uu** *iv* (usu used of jars in  
 which beer is brewed) wear  
 away, usu from inside *uuroon koo*  
*ni/in siisa'e* My jar has worn  
 away from inside. 2 (used of  
 unprocessed honey) harden  
*dammi siisa'e awuu nyaatanu*  
*ilkaanitti hin qabatu* After it is  
 hardened, honey does not stick  
 to the teeth when eaten.  
**siisiwoo** Same as *saasawoo*  
**siisoo** *n* (usu land) one-third of  
 about forty hectares *lafa siisoo*  
*qabu* They have a third of about  
 forty hectares of land.  
**siissuu** Same as *siiqsuu*  
**siiy** Same as *sii*  
**sila** *adv* a short while ago *sila dhufe*  
 He came a short while ago. *sila*  
*as turan; amma lafa jarri jiranu*  
*him/im beeku* They were here a  
 short time ago; I don't know  
 where they are now.  
**silaa** *adv* anyway; in any case;  
 otherwise *silaa hin fayyuu mana*  
*qorichaatti isa hin geessinaa* Do not  
 take him to hospital; in any case  
 he won't recover. *sii jedheen dhufe*  
*malee silaa hin dhufun ture* I came  
 only for your sake; otherwise, I  
 wouldn't have come *silaa hin*  
*oolu kajeelaa dura waami* (saying)

Since he will come anyway,  
invite the free-loader first.  
[Resign yourself to the  
inevitable.] **silaafis** *adv* in any  
case; anyway *silaafis inni hin*  
*dhufne ture* In any case, he did  
not come.

**silaafis** See *silaa*

**sileechisuu** Same as *siilessisuu*  
under *siila'uu*

**sileechuu** Same as *siilessuu* under  
*siila'uu*

**sileeffachuu** Same as *siileffachuu*  
uner *siila'uu*

**silga** *n* beestings/beastings or  
colostrums, i.e., the first milk  
obtained from a cow after  
parturition *silga jabbiitu dhuga*  
Beestings is drunk by calves  
only.

**siljoo** *n* fermented horse bean  
batter or dough seasoned with  
mustard and other spices and  
used as relish

**silkii** Same as *shilkii*

**sillikfamuu** See *silliksuu*

**silliksuu** *iv, tv* 1 Same as *hudhuu*  
(2) 2 hold firmly *silliksee na qabe*  
He held me tightly/firmly.

**sillikfamuu** Same as *hudhamuu*  
under *hudhuu*

**sillim jechuu** *iv* fall asleep; take a  
nap *akkuman sillim jedheen*  
*indaagqoon iyyite* As soon as I fell  
asleep, a cock crew.

**silliqachuu** Same as *bulleeffachuu*  
under *bullaawuu*

**silliqamuu** Same as *bulleeffamuu*  
under *bullaawuu*

**silmii** *n* 1 tick, i.e., blood-

sucking parasite that fastens  
itself on the skin of cattle, dogs,  
etc., *silmiin bakka laaftu ciniinti*  
(saying) Ticks bite a soft spot on  
the skin [Unless a society is  
strong, it can be an easy prey of  
an enemy.] 2 (fig) [usu of  
persons] small; tiny *mucaan isee*  
*silmii tokko* Her child is very  
small.

**simaa baloo** *n* an interpreter, usu  
at a law-court

**simachuu** See *simuu*

**simala** Same as *shimala*

**simamuu** See *simuu*

**simannaa** See *simuu*

**simata** Same as *simannaa* under  
*simuu*

**simatamuu** See *simuu*

**simbira** Same as *simbirroo*

**simbira alkanii** *n* bat, i.e., any of  
various nocturnal flying  
mammals with membranous  
wings [Chiroptera order]

**simbir boora** *adv* never; not at all  
*simbir boora ani waan akkanaa hin*  
*dubbanne* I never said any-  
thing like that.

**simbir butaa** *n* falcon; see also  
*hamara*

**simbir buteessa** Same as *simbir*  
*butaa*

**simbir waccee** Same as *waca*  
*simbiraa* under *wacuu*

**simbirroo** *n* any small bird, e.g.,  
robbin, sparrow, etc., *simbirroo*  
*baallee baafte mandheetti hin*  
*deebitu* (saying) A bird that has  
fledged won't return to its nest.

[Once a secret has been spilled, it cannot be recalled].

**simbirtuu** See *simbiruu*

**simbiruu** *tv* spy, i.e., work to find secret information, etc. *simbirtuu* *n* spy, informer, detective, sleuth

**simboo** *n* charm or attractiveness, i.e., pleasing or imposing quality or feature *bareedina miti simboo baay'ee qabdi* It is not beauty as such, but she has a lot of charms. **simbo**

**qabeessa** *adj* (of males) charming **simbo qabeettii** *adj* (of females) charming **abbaa**

**simboo** Same as *simbo qabeessa* above **haadha simboo** Same as **simbo qabeettii** above; see also *surraa*

**simuu** *tv* receive, i.e., greet or welcome, usu a V.I.P. (very important person), or any visitor, guest, etc., upon arrival, usu at some place outside one's house *lafa autobusiin dhaabatutti dhufanii na siman* They came and received me at the bus station.

**simachuu** *tv* greet and meet/ receive sb for self *fiigee abbaa isaa simate* He ran and received his father for self. **simannaa** *n* reception; welcome *simannaa abbaa isaa deeme* He went to give his father a warm welcome.

**simatamuu** *tv* (passive) be received or be welcomed

**sinaana** *n* refusing to accept sth although one needs it; have half a mind in accepting sth one actually needs

**sinbira** Same as *simbirroo*

**sinbira alkanii** Same as *sinbira alkanii*

**sinbirroo** Same as *simbirroo*

**singiggaawuu** *iv* have or suffer from heartburn **singiggeessuu** *tv* cause heartburn, cardialgia, or pyrosis *midhaan an sila nyaadhe na singiggeesse* The food I ate a short while ago made me have heartburn. **singiggoo** *adj, n* 1 heartburn, cardialgia, or pyrosis 2 (fig) [usu of speech] boring, dull, or pointless *namichi singiggoon kun maal jedha?* What is this boring man saying?

**singiggeessuu** See *singiggaawuu*

**singiggoo** See *singiggaawuu*

**sinikkoo** *n* wild plant the root of which is edible

**sinoo** *adj* (usu used of children) crying, sickly, whimpering, or whiny; stunted *mucaan sinoon kun gaaf hundumaa abidda bira taa'uu jaal'ata* This crying, sickly, and stunted child always likes to sit by the fire side.

**sinooftuu** Same as *sinoo*

**sinqee** *n* decorated stick; see also *siqqee*

**sinsinnaawuu** *iv* be faddish; blow hot and cold, i.e., keep changing one's attitude towards goods, food, sb, etc., *dhirsi koo ni/in sinsinnaaya; nyaata har'a jaal'ate bor hin jaal'atu* My husband is faddish; he likes certain food today, but he hates it tomorrow. **sinsinnii** *n* for a change; short-

lived, passing craze, or fad  
*sinsinnii dhaaf nyaate malee*  
*jaal'atee miti*. Normally he does  
 not like it; he ate for a change.  
**sinsinnooftuu** *adj*  
 faddish/faddy *namicha*  
*sinsinnooftuu kanaaf har'a maal*  
*laanna?* What kind of food are  
 we going to feed this man who  
 easily gets bored with the same  
 kind of food?

**sinsinnii** See *sinsinnaawuu*

**sinsinnooftuu** See *sinsinnaawuu*

**siphachiisuu** See *siphachuu*

**siphachuu** *tv* mumble, i.e., eat,  
 usu roast grain flour as people  
 with toothless gums do; eat by  
 licking, usu flour, sugar, etc.,  
*jaartiin bassoo siphatti* The old  
 woman is mumbling roast grain  
 flour. *mucaan shukkaara siphatee*  
*fixe* The child ate or licked all the  
 sugar. **siphachiisuu** *tv* cause to  
 mumble **siphannaa** *n* mumbling  
*harreen siphannaa daaraatiif fiigdi*  
 The donkey is running to eat  
 ash.

**siphannaa** See *siphachuu*

**siphoo** *n* self-sown sorghum-like  
 plant

**siphsiphaawuu** *iv* (applies to  
 shaved hair) begin to sprout or  
 grow

**siqfachuu** See *siquu*

**siqoo** See *siquu*

**siqsiisuu** See *siquu*

**siquu** *iv* 1 move, usu so as to  
 make space for others or to be  
 closer to sb/sth; snuggle *achi siqi*  
 Move away a little (so as to

make space for me). *natti siqxee*  
*teesse* She moved closer to me  
 and sat daown. *walitti siqaa rafaa*  
 Snuggle up together and sleep. 2  
 (used of work or travel) make  
 progress, move, or go forward  
*ojiin/karaan kun humaa nu duraa*  
*hin siqne* This work/journey has  
 not moved forward at all. 3  
 crawl, usu by pulling the  
 buttocks along the ground *maa*  
*lafa irra siqaa?* Why does he  
 crawl? **siqfachuu** *tv* move sth to  
 make space (for self) *barcuma*  
*achi siqfatee taa'ee* He moved the  
 chair for self and sat on it. **siqoo**  
*n* (impolite) crawler *namichi*  
*siqoon kun maal jedha?* What is  
 this crawling man saying?  
**siqsiisuu** *tv* 1 cause to move *achi*  
*isa siqsiisi* Make him move away.  
 2 (used of work/journey) cause  
 to move forward/progress *ojii*  
*kana xinnoo achi siqsiifnee aara*  
*galfanna* We will make this work  
 move forward a little and then  
 rest.

**sirba** See *sirbuu*

**sirbisiifachuu** See *sirbuu*

**sirbisiisuu** See *sirbuu*

**sirbituu** See *sirbuu*

**sirbuu** *iv* dance *natti sirbi* Dance  
 with me. **sirba** *n* 1 dance *bor*  
*galgalaaf sirba kadhatteetti* She has  
 organized a dance for tomorrow  
 evening. 2 song/music  
*raadiyooniin sirba jalqabeeraa?* Has  
 the radio started to play music?  
*sirba isaa/isee baay'een jaal'a* I like  
 his/her song very much 3 (of the

eyes) blink fast *iji koo maaliif na sirbaa*? Why are my eyes blinking so fast? **sirba giddii** *n* work sb is forced to do against his/her will or interest (lit dancing or singing that is imposed on a person); slave labor, i.e., work done by people who have to work because they must **sirbisiifachuu** *tv* casue sb dance/sing for self **sirbisiisuu** *tv* cause to dance, sing, or to play music *eda mana isaatti nu sirbisiisaa bule* He let us dance, sing, etc., at his house all night last night. **sirbituu** *n* dancer or singer

**siree** *n* 1 bed, i.e., a piece of furniture on which people sleep *mee siree naa hafi* Make the beds for me. 2 litter, i.e., a kind of a stretcher for carrying a corpse or a sick/an injured person *siree dhaan mana qorichaatti isa fidan* They brought him to hospital on a stretcher.

**sirgigaachoo** Same as *sigigaachoo* under *sigigaachuu*

**sirgigaachuu** Same as *sigigaachuu*

**siribii** See *siribsiisuu*

**siribsiisa** Same as *siribii* under *siribsiisuu*

**siribsiisuu** *tv* cause yoke of oxen thresh or separate the grain/seed from wheat, peas, barley, or *xaafii* (see) by making them walk on the grain-bearing plant **siribii** *n* threshing of cereal plant by making a yoke of oxen walk on it *sangoonni siribii irra*

**jiru** The yoke of oxen is threshing the cereal plant by walking on it..

**siriidhaa** Same as *sirumaa*

**siriidhuma** *adv* altogether, i.e., completely *inni siriidhuma hojii eega dhiisee tureera* It has been a long time since he stopped work altogether.

**sirna** *n* order or system, i.e., structures of a given government or society *sirna gadaa* the *gadaa* system of government

**sirnummaa** Same as *sirna*

**siriroo** *n* taunt or insult intended to incite a person to fight

**sirrachiisuu** See *sirrachuu*

**sirrachuu** *iv* be straight, i.e., be without a bend or curve **sirrachiisuu** *tv* cause to be straight **sirreeffachuu** *tv* make sth straight for self **sirreessuu** *tv* cause to be straight *muka isa dabe kana sirreessi* Make this bent wood straight. **sirrii** *adj, adv* 1 straight, i.e., without a bend or curve *muka isa sirrii sirrii muri* Cut trees which are straight. 2 frank, honest, or straight-forward *sirrii dubbadhu hin sobin* Speak honestly; don't lie. **sirriitti** *adv* 1 directly or straight, i.e., by a direct route *atuu asii fi achi hin jedhin sirriitti dhufe* He came directly without breaking or interrupting his journey. 2 straight, i.e., level or prallel with/to sth *baarneexaa kee sirriitti keeyadhu* Put your hat on

straight. *sirriitti ijaajji* Stand straight. **3** properly or in order *mi'a kana sirriitti kaayi* Put these things in order. *sirriitti ojjadhu* Work properly.

**sirreeffachuu** See *sirrachuu*

**sirreessuu** See *sirrachuu*

**sirrii** See *sirrachuu*

**sirriiqaa** Same *biddiiqaa* under *biddiiquu*

**sirriiquu** Same as *biddiiquu*

**sirriitti** See *sirrachuu*

**sirroomuu** Same as *sirrachuu*

**sirumaa** *adv* never; not at all *ani sirumaa isaa wajjin deemee hin beeku* I have never gone out with him. See also *abadan*; *tasa* (1)

**sis** Suffixed to some verbs that end in consonant + the infinitive marker -uu, "sis" changes the verb to causative. Examples: (*abaaruu*) *abaarsis* cause to curse (*fiiguu*) *fiigsis* cause to run N.B. The verb that precedes consonant + uu, is always long.

**sissinnaawuu** Same as *sinsinnaawuu*

**sissinnii** Same as *sinsinnii* under *sinsinnaawuu*

**sissinnooftuu** Same as *sinsinnooftuu* under *sinsinnaawuu*

**sixoo** *n* fear of public opinion, i.e., asking oneself the question, "What would people say if I did sth shameful?" *namni sixoo him/im beekne, jechuun namni namni maal naan jedhaa him/im beekne gaarii miti* A person who does not fear public opinion is not good.

**soba** See *sobuu*

**sobamuu** See *sobuu*

**sobbooqa** See *sobbooquu*

**sobbooqaa** *n* name given to a second son

**sobbooqsisuu** See *sobbooquu*

**sobbooquu** *iv* **1** (applies to money lent, usu by a usurer) bring or accrue high interest **2** (of female animals) breed and multiply

**sobbooqa** *n* interest

**sobbooqsisuu** *tv* cause to bring interest; cause to breed and multiply

**sobduu** See *sobuu*

**sobsiisuu** See *sobuu*

**sobuu** *iv* **1** lie, i.e., tell lies *dhugaa dubbadhaa hin sobinaa* Speak the truth; don't lie. **2** pretend *sobee dhukkubsata* He feigns or pretends sickness. *nama fuul duratti sobanii wal didu malee jarri walii fira* They pretend to quarrel in public; actually, they are good friends. **soba** *n* lie; disinformation; pretence / feign *soba sitti hime* He told you a lie.

**sobamuu** *tv* (passive) be lied to *ni/in sobamte* You were lied to.

**sobduu** *adj* (of persons) an arrant liar *namichi/niitiin kun sobduu dha* This man/woman is an arrant liar. **sobsiisuu** *tv* cause to lie either directly or indirectly by misinforming sb *situ soba natti himee na sobsiise* You are the one who made me lie by misinforming me.

**sochee** Same as *fududdisoo*

**sochoosuu** See *socho'uu*

**sochootuu** Same as *dhadhaqii*



**socho'uu** *iv* 1 stir, i.e., be moving  
*yawuu qilleensi jiraatu baalli mukaa ni/in socho'a* When there is wind, leaves stir. *amman deebi'utti asii hin socho'in* Don't stir/move from here until I return. 2 (used of earthquake) shake *bar tokko lafti socho'ee nama badaa fixe* At one time, the earth shook and killed many people. 3 (usu of work in progress) progress *ojiin kun humaa hin sochoone* This work has not progressed at all.  
**sochoosuu** *tv* 1 stir sth up *marqaa sochoofti* She is stirring the porridge. 2 shake or move *muka sana maaltu sochoosa?* What is it that is shaking that tree?  
**sosochu'uu** *iv* 1 stir oneself, i.e., get busy or be active *hin rafin sosochu'i* Don't lie in bed; stir yourself. 2 stir or shake repeatedly *maal inni achi sosochu'u* What is it that is stirring over there?  
**sodaa** See *sodaachuu*  
**sodaachisaa** See *sodaachuu*  
**sodaachisuu** See *sodaachuu*  
**sodaachuu** *iv* dread, fear, or be afraid of *antuuta sodaatti* She fears rats/mice. **sodaa** *n* awe, dread, fear, fright, horror, panic, phobia, or terror *sodaa abbaa isaatii jedheetan malee ilma isaa nan albaasan ture* Had it not been for fear of his father, I could have beaten up his son easily.  
**sodaachisaa** *adj* critical or dangerous, i.e., causing anxiety, concern, or worry *dhukkubi isaa*

*sodaachisaa dha* His illness is dangerous and calls for concern.  
**sodaachisuu** *tv* intimidate; threaten *qawwee dhaan na sodaachisee na saame* He intimidated me with a gun and robbed me. **sodaataa** *adj* (of males) cowardly; see also *xeellaa*  
**sodaatamaa** *adj* (of males) awe-inspiring; feared **sodaatamtuu** *adj* (of females) awe-inspiring; feared **sodaattuu** *adj* (of a person) cowardly; see also *xeellaa*

**sodaataa** See *sodaachuu*  
**sodaatamaa** See *sodaachuu*  
**sodaatamuu** See *sodaachuu*  
**sodaattuu** See *sodaachuu*  
**soddaa** See *soddoomuu*  
**soddoma** *adj, n* thirty (30) *sa'a soddoma* thirty head of cattle  
*oolaa kanaa birri soddomaa ni fudhattaa* Would you take thirty birr for this sheep. **soddomaan** *adj, prep* 1 (takes *tokko*) about thirty *nama soddoman tokko duwwaatu gabaa baye* Only about thirty people came to the market. 2 the thirty of *nu soddoman* the thirty of us 3 for thirty *kittaa kana birri soddomaan na irraa biti* Buy this shirt from me for thirty birr **soddoma soddomaan** *adv* in thirties; for thirty each *soddoma soddomaan achi kaayi* Put it there in bundles of thirty *hoolota kana birri soddoma soddomaan bitte* She bought each of these sheep for thirty birr. **soddomatti** (*usu*)

takes gurguruu) *prep birri*  
*soddomatti malee hin gurgurin*  
 Don't sell it unless you get thirty  
 birr for it. **soddomii** *adj, n* used  
 when counting thirty-one to  
 thirty-nine *soddomii torba* thirty  
 seven

**soddomaan** See *soddoma*

**soddomatti** See *soddoma*

**soddomii** See *soddoma*

**soddomman** Same as *soddoman*  
 under *soddoma*

**soddooma** See *soddoomuu*

**soddoomuu** *tv* be in law *naa*  
*soddoomaa* be my father-in-  
 law / mother-in-law, i.e., by  
 marrying your daughter to me.

**soddaa** *n* in-law *nuyi walii soddaa*  
*dha* We are in-laws.

*Fakkeenyaaf* / To illustrate,  
*abbaan/haati niitii kootii soddaa*  
*kooti* My wife's father / mother is  
 my father-in-law / mother-in-  
 law. *abbaan /haati dhirsa kootii*  
*soddaa kooti* My husband's  
 father / mother is my father-in-  
 law / mother-in-law.

*obboleettiin/obboleessi dhirsa kootii*  
*soddaa kooti* My husband's  
 sister / brother is my sister-in-  
 law / brother-in-law.

*obboleettiin/obboleessi niitii kootii*  
*soddaa kooti* My wife's  
 sister / brother is my sister-in-  
 law / brother-in-law.

*wasiilli/adaadaan dhirsa kootii*  
*soddaa kooti* My husband's  
 uncle / aunt is my in-law.

*wasiilli/adaadaan niitii kootii*  
*soddaa kooti* My wife's uncle

/ aunt is my in-law *dhirsi intala*  
*kootii soddaa kooti* My daughter's  
 husband is my son-in-law *niitiin*  
*ilma kootii soddaa kooti* My son's  
 wife is my daughter-in-law.

[My=father or mother]

**soddooma** *n* in-law, i.e., a  
 relative by marriage

**sofachuu** Same as *soofachuu*<sup>1</sup>

**soggo** *n* dry fiber of a stalk of a  
 false banana used as rope *soggo*  
*dhaan hidhi* Tie it with a false  
 banana fiber.

**sogoo** Same as *soggo*

**sokkaa** See *sokkuu*

**sokkee** See *sokkuu*

**sokkisiisuu** See *sokkuu*

**sokkuu** *iv* be gone too far to be  
 visible, recalled, etc.; go away  
*sokkeera hin qaqqabanu* He has  
 gone away so far that they  
 cannot catch up with him. **2** (of  
 time) be late in the morning,  
 afternoon, or at night *yaroon*  
*sokkeera; ojii bayaa* It is very late  
 in the morning; go out to work. **3**  
 (of a wife) abandon a hus-  
 band and run away *dhirsa jalaa*  
*sokkite* She left her husband and  
 went away. **sokkaa** *n* **1** type of  
 marriage whereby the girl  
 secretly marries before the date  
 fixed for wedding and  
 disappears with her fiancé **2**  
 leaving / abandoning husband  
**sokkee** *adv* far *asi siqi maa sokkee*  
*ijaajjita* Come closer, why are  
 you standing far away from me?  
**sokkisiisuu** *tv* cause a wife to  
 leave her husband **sokkituu** *adj*

of a wife who leaves her husband and runs away  
**sokoksuu** *iv* 1 rustle, i.e., produce a disturbing noise/sound *dhaggeeffadhu*; *waatu alaa sokoksa* Listen, something is rustling outside. 2 move; stir *amman dhufutti asii hin sokoksin* Don't stir from here until I return  
**sokoksiisuu** *tv* cause to rustle; see also *socho'uu* (1)  
**sokora** *n* a kind of small bird  
**sokorruu** Same as *kossorruu*  
**sokoysuu** Same as *sokoksuu*  
**sokuu** *tv* miss, i.e., fail to hit a target; escape by a narrow margin, i.e., keep from accident, injury, etc., *eda amma yartuuttan xaddee (waraanuu) soke* I only just missed (spearing) a porcupine last night. *ija koo rabbitu na soke* I barely escaped being hit on the eye; it was a close call or thing.  
**solana** *n* a kind of tree  
**solee** *n* a kind of tree  
**sollonqee** Same as *qola*<sup>1</sup> (2)  
**solloqa** Same as *quncee* under *qunca'uu*  
**solloqaa** Same as *qunca'aa* under *qunca'uu*  
**solloqfachu** Same as *folloqfachu* under *folloquu*  
**solloqsuu** 1 Same as *folloqsuu* under *folloquu* 2 peel; see also *quncisuu* under *qunca'uu*  
**solloquu** Same as *folloquu*  
**solloqxuu** 1 Same as *folloqxuu* under *folloquu* 2 skinny; thin; see also *huqqattuu* under *huuqqachuu*

**sologaa** *adj* (of males) lanky  
*gurbaa sologaa* a lanky boy  
**sologee** *adj* (of females) Same as *sologaa*  
**sololaachisuu** See *sololaachuu*  
**sololaachuu** *iv* slip, i.e., slide or fall out of place *surreen koo na irraa sololaate* My pants fell out of place, i.e., didn't stay put on the waist *shonkoora agadaan kun isa iseen baattu keessaa sololaate kufe* This sugar cane slipped out of the bundle she is carrying and fell. **sololaachisuu** *tv* cause to slip  
**solola'uu** Same as *sololaachuu*  
**sololiyaa** *n* guinea fowl *sololiyaa garaan tokkoo adalli bakkee hin qabattu, indaaqqoo garaa lamaa garuu adurree manaatu nyaata* (saying) Guinea fowls of the same mind, the wild cat cannot catch, but the chickens with divided mind, the cat in the house kills and eats [United people succeed]  
**solongisuu** Same as *figuu*  
**solooloo** *adj* (usu of tree/plant) straight *muka solooloo* a straight tree *boqqolloo solooloo* a straight corn stalk, usu a barren one  
**somaa** *n* shaft of a spear *somaan eeboo keetii muka moo sibiila?* Is the shaft of your spear wood or metal?  
**somayoo** Same as *somaa*  
**somba** *n* 1 lung(s) **dhukkuba**  
**sombaa** *n* pulmonary disease or tuberculosis (TB) 2 animal lungs

as food, usu eaten by cats  
*adurreen somba jaal'atti* Cats like  
 lung as food.

**sombee** *n* animal disease

**somboo** *n* a kind of tree  
 [ekebergia capensis]

**somboqqoo** Same as *shomboqqoo*

**somsomaa** See *somsomuu*

**somsomuu** *iv* (usu horses) amble,  
 canter, or trot **somsomaa** *n*  
 trotting

**sona** See *sonaawuu*

**sona'aa** See *sonaawuu*

**sonaan** See *sonaawuu*

**sonaawuu** *iv* 1 be organized  
*sonaatee na eegde* She became well  
 organized and waited for me. 2  
 be ready to do sth *haatinii fi*  
*abbaan gaa'ila intala isaaniiitiif*  
*sonaawutti jiru* The parents are  
 getting ready for their  
 daughter's wedding. **sona** *n*  
 readiness and orderliness

**sona'aa** *adj* (of males) mentally  
 ready to do sth **sonaan** *adv* 1  
 carefully and properly *sonaan*  
*ojjadhu* Work carefully and  
 properly. 2 very *nuyi sonaan*  
*gaarii dha; isinoo?* We are very  
 well, and what about you? *hojii*  
*keessan kana ani sonaan hin*  
*jaal'anne* I am not very happy  
 with your work. **soneessuu** *tv* 1  
 organize properly *mi'a isa asii fi*  
*achi faca'ee kana soneessi* Put these  
 scattered things in proper order.  
 2 (usu applies to mental or  
 psychological readiness) make  
 sb ready for sth *ijoollee osoo hin*  
*soneessin mana barnootaatti*

*geessuun gaarii miti* Taking  
 children to school before  
 preparing them mentally for it,  
 is not productive. **sonooftuu** *adj*  
 (of females) mentally ready to  
 do sth

**sondii** *n* a kind of tree (with  
 thorns), probably *acacia* or  
*mimosa*

**sondora** *n* a large, flat basket,  
 usu made from a certain kind of  
 creepers or climbing plants

**soneessuu** See *sonaawuu*

**sonii** *n* solitary, stingless bee

**sonnooggee** Same as *qancartuu*  
 under *qancaruu*

**sonooftuu** See *sonaawuu*

**sonsa** Same as *sonsa*

**soo** *adv* also, too, or as well *inni*  
*soo him/im beekuu maaliif isa*  
*gaafatta?* He, too, doesn't know,  
 so why do you ask him? *jarri soo*  
*hin qabanuu egaa eessaa arganna?*  
 They don't have it also, so from  
 where can we get it? *jaraafi soo*  
*hin taanee maal godha?* It didn't go  
 well for them as well, so what is  
 the use? *isaafi soo kenneera maaliif*  
*bowaa?* I have given him as well,  
 so why is he crying?

**soodallaa** Same as *moluu* under  
*molaawuu*

**soodara** Same as *bukoo* under  
*bukaawuu*

**soodaru** Same as *bukaawuu*

**soodduu** *n* 1 Same as *awwaala*  
 under *awwaaluu* 2 monument,  
 usu gravestone, wooden  
 carving, or statue erected in  
 memory of a deceased

**soofa** See *soofachuu*<sup>1</sup>

**soofaa** See *soofuu*

**soofachuu**<sup>1</sup> (vulgar) *iv* wiggle, i.e., move the buttocks quickly up and down during sexual excitement **soofa** *n* sexual excitement **soofattuu** *adj* of females who show excitement by moving their buttocks during intercourse

**soofachuu**<sup>2</sup> See *soofuu*

**soofamuu** See *soofuu*

**soofattuu** See *soofachuu*<sup>1</sup>

**soofsisuu** See *soofuu*

**sooftee** See *soofuu*

**soofuu** *tv* 1 plane away / down; whittle sth away; make wood smooth *somaa eeboo isaa xaarmushii cabaa dhaan soofee miidhagse* He made the handle of his spear beautiful by whittling it away or by planing it smooth with a piece of broken glass. 2 Same as *barbaaduu* **soofaa** *n* hard metal that can cut other metals. **soofachuu** *tv* 1 plane, usu wood for self 2 Same as *rigachuu* (1) under *riguu* **soofamuu** *tv* (passive) 1 be planed 2 Same as *huuqqachuu* 3 Same as *barbaadamuu* under *barbaaduu* **soofsisuu** *tv* cause to plane **sooftee** *n* saw dust, i.e., fine particles of wood produced in planning

**soogidda** Same as *ashaboo*

**soogiddoo** *adj*, *n* 1 of sth that tastes like salt; saline or salty 2 a saline tuber that looks like carrots

**sooka** See *sookuu*

**sookii** Same as *adamoo* under *adamsuu*

**sookkaasisuu** Same as *abaarsisuu* under *abaaruu*

**sookkaatuu** Same as *abaartuu* under *abaaruu*

**sookka'uu** Same as *abaaruu*

**sookkoo**<sup>1</sup> Same as *abaarsa* under *abaaruu*

**sookkoo**<sup>2</sup> *adj*, *n* cockerel; young cock *kormaan indaaqqoo kun sookkoo dha iyyuu hin jalqabne* This cock is so young that it has not begun / started to crow yet.

**sookoo** Same as *warqee*

**sooksisuu** See *sookuu*

**sookuu** *iv* use irony, i.e., use words to express a meaning that is the opposite of its literal meaning **sooka** *n* irony; satire or sarcasm **sooksisuu** *tv* cause to use irony

**sookuu** Same as *adamsuu*

**soolana** *adj* tall and straight *muka soolana* a tall and straight tree *gurbaa soolana soolana* a tall boy

**soolee** *n* a kind of tree; see also *solee*

**soollagaa** See *soollaguu*

**soollagsuu** See *soollaguu*

**soollaguu** *iv* droop, wither, or wilt *boqqolloon koo bokkaa dhabee soollage* My corn wilted for lack of rain. **soollagaa** *adj* droopy *baala soollagaa* droopy leaf **soollagsuu** *tv* cause to droop, wilt, or wither *aduun awuu baayy'atu boqqolloo soollagsa* Too

much heat from the sun makes corn droop.

**sooma** See *soomuu*

**soomii** Same as *sooma* under *soomuu*

**soomuu** *iv* fast *ni/in soomtaa?* Do you fast? **sooma** *n* 1 fast *inni kun sooma isa ji'a lamaati* This is a two-month fast. *sooma hiikaniiruu?* Have they broken their fast? *har'i sooma* Today is a fasting day 2 hunger; see also *beela* (1) under *beela'uu*

**soonaa** *adj* ideal, exact, or perfect *dargaggo sonaa* an ideal young man

**soonaan** Same as *sonaan* under *sonaawuu*

**soona'uu** Same as *sonaawuu*

**soonessuu** Same as *soneessuu* under *sonaawuu*

**soonsa** 1 wasp; hornet 2 name of the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of a month

**soora** Same as *soorata* under *soorachuu*

**soorachuu** *tv* eat for self *atis beekta, anis beekaa yaa sanbataa sooradhu* (humor) "Oh Sabbath, I know and you know that you won't eat this food, but any way I'm giving it to you, eat it", said a woman while throwing bits and pieces of bread about! **soorata** *n* food; see also *midhaan* (2)

**soorata** See *soorachu*

**soorecha** Same as *sooressa* under *sooromuu*

**sooreysa** Same as *sooressa* under *sooromuu*

**sooressa** See *sooromuu*

**soorettii** See *sooromuu*

**soorgoo** *adj, n* 1 the obvious meaning of the two meanings of a pun 2 (of food) cheap and poorly cooked; food without any nutritional value *nyaata soorgoo* poorly cooked food

**sooroma** See *sooromuu*

**sooromsuu** See *sooromuu*

**sooromuu** *iv* become affluent, opulent, rich, wealthy, or well-to-do *abbaan isee dammaan soorome* Her father became rich by going into honey business. **sooressa** *adj, n* 1 (of males) affluent, rich, wealthy, well-to-do, or well-off *abbaan isee sooressa* Her father is rich. 2 a rich man *sooressatti eerumte* She married a rich man. **soorettii** *adj, n* 1 (of females) affluent, rich, wealthy, well-off, or well-to-do *haati isaa sooretti dha* His mother is rich. 2 a name given to a wife of a first-born son **sooroma** *n* affluence, riches, or wealth *sooroma kan argannu ojji duwwaa dhaan* We acquire wealth only through hard work. **sooromsuu** *tv* cause to be rich *qonnaa jirbiitu isa sooressa* It is cotton farming that made him rich.

**soorrobuu** Same as *jooruu* (1)

**soortuu** See *sooruu*

**sooruu** *tv* 1 (usu looking after persons who are ill) nurse or look after *awuun ani dhukkubsadhe iseetu na soore* She was the one who looked after me when I was ill. 2 fatten, i.e., feed

an animal properly in order to make it fat, usu to sell it *korbeessa oolaa isee soortee gurgurte* She fattened up her ram and sold it.

**soortuu** *n* nurse; care giver

**soosifachuu** See *soosisuu*

**soosisuu** *tv* cocker, coodle, or pamper *inni intala isaa soosisa iseeni ammoo ilma isee soosifti* He pampers his daughter, and she pampers her son. **soosifachuu** *tv* pamper for self *sangaa isaa baay'ee soosifata* He pampers his ox (for self) very much.

**sootala** *adj, n* 1 (of females) young *intala sootala qaba* He has a young daughter. 2 sword

**sootalee** *n* rope-like string made from sisal fiber or special cotton, mainly used for sewing sacks

**sootaloo** *n* a kind of tree [*milletia ferruginea*]

**sootaloo** *n* green peas, horse beans, chickpeas, etc. that are not fully ripe

**sootii** *n* a variety of snake

**soottalii** Same as *sootalee*

**sooyee** Same as *dheeraa* under *dheerachuu*

**sooyessuu** Same as *dheeressuu* (1) under *dheerachuu*

**sooyyama** *n* rush, i.e., tall, slender plant, the stem of which is usu used for building granary, for roofing, etc.

**soqaa** See *soquuu*

**soqee** *adj* (of animals) black with red or black with white across the back

**soqola** *n* bark or cortex

**soqolaa** See *soqoluu*

**soqolachiisuu** See *soqoluu*

**soqolachuu** See *soqoluu*

**soqolsiisuu** See *soqoluu*

**soqoluu** *tv* lift up or raise lower part of dress and expose one's thigh, etc., *qilleensatu qamisii isee irraa soqole* It was the wind that lifted up her dress and exposed her thigh, etc., **soqolaa** *n* lower part of dress folded up or bent back over partially to carry sth in it or to prevent it from becoming wet/soiled in dew/mud *soqolaatti baatti* She is carrying sth in a partially bent back over, front part of her dress. **soqolachiisuu** *tv* (of dew, mud) cause to raise the lower part of dress **soqolachuu** *tv* tuck up, usu front of dress for self (and slip it under belt or hold it) to protect it from dew, mud, etc. or to carry sth in it *qamisii isee soqolattee ojjatti*. She tucks up her dress and works. **soqola nama waamuu** *tv* address/refer to sb with his/her first name only without using the proper title (thus showing disrespect for sb who deserves respect) *nama guddaa soqolaan hin waamin* Don't show disrespect for "big people" by addressing them without the appropriate title. **soqolsiisuu** *tv* cause to lift up front part of a dress *fixeensi iddoo kanaa qamisii nama soqolsiisa* The dew in this place foces a female to tuck up her dress.

**soqsiisuu** See *soquu*

**soquu** *tv* **1** cultivate, dig up, or weed with a mattock; hoe  
*boqqolloo jala soqxi* She is hoeing up weeds from under the corn. **2** (used of wood only) carve, i.e., cut or plane wood into a desired shape *bidiruu soquutti jira* He is carving a log into a canoe. **3** look for; search; want *namichi tokko si soqa* Somebody is looking for you. See also *barbaaduu soqa*  
*n* **1** search **2** carving *gabatee kana yoo soqa itti baayy'ifte ni/in hurataa eeggadhu* Watch out! If you carve this wooden plate too much, you may make a hole in it. **soqaa** *n* **1** the act of hoeing, digging, or carving *soqaa boqqolloo deeme* He went out to hoe under the corn crop. **2** the act of searching *soqaa sangaa dhaqe* He went out in search of the ox. **soqachuu** *tv* **1** dig or hoe for self **2** search for self **soqamaa** *adj* **1** dug or hoed *lafa soqamaa* a plot of land that is dug **2** under search **soqamuu** *tv* **1** be dug or hoed **2** be whittled or carved **3** be searched  
**soqsiisuu** *tv* **1** cause to dig/hoe or carve **2** cause to search or look for **soqxuu** *n* **1** hoe, mattock, or whittler **2** (of females) searcher/digger

**soqxuu** See *soquu*

**sora** See *soruu*

**soraa manaa** *n* eaves of a roof; see also *faara* (1)

**sorachuu** See *soruu*

**soramuu** See *soruu*

**soree roobuu** Same as *soruu* (2)

**sorgaana** *adj* honest *abaan isaa sorgaana, nama gaarii dha* His father is a good, honest man.

**sorgoo** Same as *soorgoo*

**sorica** Same as *siicoo*

**sorobduu** *n* honey-hunter

*sorobduun hamma baafta hin himtu; hamma deemte hinti male* (saying)

A honey-hunter won't tell any one how much honey he took out from hollow trees; he only tells people how far and hard he had to travel [Exaggerate the difficulties involved in obtaining sth because it is the best way of increasing its value and also your profit]

**soroobuu** Same as *barbaaduu*

**soroorachuu** Same as *qajeeluu*<sup>1</sup>

**sorooroo** Same as *loomaa*

**soroorsuu** Same as *qajeelchuu* (1) under *qajeeluu*<sup>1</sup>

**sorooruu** Same as *qajeeluu*<sup>1</sup> (1)

**sorora** Same as *okolee*; see also *elemtuu* under *elmuu*

**sorsa**<sup>1</sup> *n* name of the 15<sup>th</sup> day of a month

**sorsa**<sup>2</sup> Same as *ixaana*

**sorsiisuu** See *soruu*

**sorsorraawuu** Same as *hoollachuu*

**sortuu** See *soruu*

**soruu** *iv, tv* **1** winnow, i.e., separate the chaff from grain; blow on grain to remove chaff **2** drizzle, mist, mizzle, or shower  
*soraa oole* It has been drizzling all day. See also *tiifuu sora* *n* **1** cloudy and rainy season *ogga*  
*soraa qirimatu tola; qirima dhabanu*



*ammo dhidhimatu tola* (saying)  
 During rainy and cloudy season,  
 when food is scarce, roast grain  
 is good; if one can't find even  
 that, the best thing to do is to  
 run away/disappear. [struggle  
 for survival] **2** winnowing, i.e.,  
 the act of blowing on grain to  
 remove chaff **sorachuu** *tv*  
 winnow, i.e., blow on grain and  
 remove chaff for self **soramuu** *tv*  
 (passive) be winnowed **soree**  
**roobuu** *iv* drizzle, mist, mizzle,  
 or shower (usu non-stop) **soree**  
*roobuutti jira* It's mizzling.  
**sorsiisuu** *tv* cause to winnow  
**sortuu** *n* (of females) winnower  
**soso** *adj* (of clothes) shoddy;  
 shabby, threadbare, or worn out  
*wayyaa soso uffata* He wears worn  
 out, shabby clothes.  
**sosocho'uu** See *socho'uu*  
**ssosobachuu** See *ssosobuu*  
**ssosobuu** *tv* **1** deceive *amartiin*  
*inni natti gurgure warqee miti; na*  
*ssosobe* The ring he sold me is not  
 genuine gold; he deceived me. **2**  
 appease, pacify, or placate  
*mucaan kun maaliif akkana boowa?*  
*mee ssosobi* Why does this child  
 cry so much? Pacify him, please.  
**ssosobachuu** *tv* pacify, coax, or  
 placate for self *haadha manaa isaa*  
*ni/in ssosobate malee hedduu itti*  
*aartee turte* His wife was very  
 angry at him, but he somehow  
 pacified her.  
**ssosohuu** Same as *socho'uu*  
**ssossoosuu** Same as *sochoosuu*  
 under *socho'uu*

**ossoootuu** Same as *sochootuu*  
**osso'uu** Same as *socho'uu*  
**soyama** Same as *sooyyama*  
**soyambifa** Same as *soyyombiifa*  
**soyyombiifa** *n* relatively long,  
 polecat-like wild animal that  
 snatches chickens and loots/  
 robs honey from bee-hives  
**subaanaam** Same as *duumessa*  
 under *duumessaawuu*  
**subboo** *adj* (usu used of false  
 bananas or children) young and  
 tender *mucaan isee subboo dha*  
 Her child is young and tender.  
**subburii** Same as *shuubii*  
**subbuu** Same as *suphuu*  
**subii** Same as *shuubii*  
**suduuda** Same as *kallattii*  
**sufuu** Same as *fufuu* (**1**)  
**suga** See *sugaawuu*  
**sugaawuu** *iv* **1** be satiated or be  
 full; cloy *midhaan xinnoo nyaattee*  
*sugoofte* She was satiated with  
 little food. **2** (used of food)  
 nourish or agree with *siif ha*  
*sugaawu* May what you have just  
 eaten agree with you. See also  
*sifaawuu* **suga** *n* **1** food that  
 agrees with or suits the system  
 of *suga siif ha ta'u* May the food  
 you have just eaten be the kind  
 that agrees with you. **2** (food)  
 last *midhaan kun xinnaatuyyuu*  
*suga qaba* Though little, this food  
 lasts. **sugeessuu** *tv* satiate *nyaati*  
*kun na hin sugessine* This food  
 has not satiated me.  
**sugee** *n* army worm; see also  
*geerrii*  
**sugeessuu** See *sugaawuu*

**suguda** Same as *saanquree*  
**sugugguruu** *n* joint or lower  
backbone, i.e., bones around the  
buttocks

**sugugufuu** Same as *gifira*

**sugujuf** Same as *maariyyee*

**suguyyaa** *n* abbator/ slaughter-  
house; the butcher's; see also  
*shuguyyaa*

**sukaawaa** Same as *rigaa* under  
*riguu*

**sukaawachuu** Same as *rigachuu*  
(1) under *riguu*

**sukaawuu** Same as *riguu* (1)

**sukaayee** Same as *kusaayee*

**sukaayyachuu** Same as *rigachuu*  
(1) under *riguu*

**sukee** *n* a kind of herb usu used  
for processing butter; probably  
oregano, a mint family the  
leaves of which are used  
as seasoning

**sukkaara** *n* sugar; see also  
*shukkaara*

**sukkara** Same as *sukkaara*

**sukkuumamuu** See *sukkuumuu*

**sukkuummachuu** See *sukkuumuu*

**sukkuumsisuu** See *sukkuumuu*

**sukkuumtuu** See *sukkuumuu*

**sukkuumuu** *tv* 1 massage; rub  
*dugda koo naa sukkuumi* Massage  
my back for me. *ija kee hin*  
*sukkuumin* Don't rub/ touch your  
eyes. 2 rub, i.e., wash properly  
by rubbing *miilla kee sukkuumii*  
*dhiqqu* Wash your feet by  
rubbing them properly. 3 rub on  
*dhanha keetti qoricha kana*  
*sukkuumi* Rub this medicine on  
your skin/body. 4 rub, usu

grains between palm *akaayii*  
*garbuu kana osoo hin sukkuumin*  
*hin nyaatin* Don't eat this roast  
barley before removing the chaff  
by rubbing it between palms.

**sukkuumamuu** *tv* (passive) be  
rubbed or massaged

**sukkuummachuu** *tv* massage,  
rub, or rub on for self *miilla isaa*  
*sukkuummatee dhiqate* He rubbed  
his feet and washed them

properly. **sukkuumsisuu** *tv*  
cause to rub or massage

**sukkuumtuu** *adj* of a female  
who fixes a broken bone by  
rubbing or massaging it

**suksukuu** *iv* (usu of dogs) trot,  
i.e., run with short steps *sareen*  
*ni/in suksukti malee qalbii dhaan*  
*hin deemtu* Dogs trot; they do not  
walk slowly. "Amma dhaabatan  
*hin quphanan; amma fiigan hin*  
*sussukan*" *jette sareen* (humor)  
"One can't squat [sit on one's  
heels] as much as one stands,  
and one can't trot as much as  
one runs", said a dog.

**sukukkuluu** *iv* work non-stop,  
without resting

**sullee** *n* a small jar in which usu  
small children fetch water from  
the spring; see *daarbee*, *gur lamee*,  
and *dooccoo* (2)

**sulluudaa** *n* (usu of cattle) fat  
rump or buttock *sangaan koo*  
*sulluudaa baaseera* My ox's rump  
has developed, i.e., become fat.  
*foon sulluudaa* rump-steak

**sulul** See *sulullee*

**sulula** *n* valley/gully *sa'i sulula jirti* The cow is in the valley.

**sulula dugdaa** *n* the gully-like surface on the back of humans that divides the body symmetrically

**sulullee** *n* 1 hawk **sulul** (expression) sound used for calling hawks 2 snatcher, i.e., a thief who seizes a person's belongings suddenly and runs away *sululleen har'a gabaa guutteetti* There are many thieves in the market today; see also *culullee*

**sululuu** *iv* move or go directly and straight *asii fi achi osoo hin jedhin sulultee manatti galte* She came/went home directly. 2 move smoothly and quietly *bishaan laga kanaa hin uursu; inuma sulula* The water in this river does not roar and surge; it flows smoothly.

**suma** (short form of *siuma*) [emphatic] *pron* you and no one else *sumatu waan ani jedhe itti himee, akka iseen na jibbitu godhe* You, and no one else, told her what I had said and made her hate me.

**sumburaa** Same as *shumburaa*

**sum'ii** See *summeessuu*

**summeessuu** *tv* cause to die by poisoning *arkaan baye malee na summeessanii oolan* They almost poisoned me, but I escaped.

**sum'ii** *n* poison; infection *waanti ati hattee nyaatte sun sum'ii sitti ha ta'u* May what you have stolen

and eaten be poison (and kill you)!

**summii** Same as *sum'ii* under *summeessuu*

**sumsuma** *n* three stones placed side by side, which serve as a stove *sunsuma geeddaruun ittoo hin mi'eessu* (saying) Changing the stove doesn't enhance the flavor of the stew [what is needed is transformation, not reform]; see also *gemmoo* (1)

**sumuda** Same as *godaannisa/dirmammuu*

**sumudaa** *n* 1 branding rod 2 stamp, i.e., a tool for pressing or printing onto a surface

**sun** *adj, pron* that; those *gurbaan sun maal ta'e?* What's the matter with that boy? *jarri sun eessa deemu?* Where are those people going? *sunuu hin jirtu; sunuu badduu baate* (saying) Though almost non-existent, even that is gone completely [Complete failure]

**sunqoo** *n* fenugreek, i.e., the seeds or plant [trigonella foenum-graecum]

**sunsuma** Same as *gemmoo* (1)

**suntuura** See *suntuuruu*

**suntuuraa** See *suntuuruu*

**suntuursuu** See *suntuuruu*

**suntuuruu** *iv* 1 (used of skin or clothes) wrinkle; crease *dulloomtee fuulli isee suntuure* Her face wrinkled with age. *wayyaan yoo qalqala keessa kaayan ni/in suntuura* Clothes will crease if put in a skin bag. 2 (used of

meat, rubber, etc., after being boiled or heated) curl up *foon tokko tokko awuu affeelanu/waadanu ni/in suntuura* Certain type of meat curls up when boiled or fried. **suntuura** *n* wrinkle; crease *quufni gaafa tokkoo suntuura huudduuttii diriirsa* (saying) One day's proper nourishment removes wrinkles from the buttocks. [importance of proper diet] **suntuuraa** *adj* wrinkled *fuula/kittaa suntuuraa* wrinkled face/shirt **suntuursuu** *tv* cause to wrinkle/crease  
**suphaaxa** *n* afternoon snacks  
**suphachuu** See *suphuu*  
**suphamaa** See *suphuu*  
**suphamuu** See *suphuu*  
**suphee**<sup>1</sup> *n* clay, i.e., red soil from which bricks, earthenware, pots, etc., are made **suphee dhooftuu** *n* potter  
**suphee**<sup>2</sup> Same as *duba*  
**suphee dhooftuu** See *suphee*<sup>1</sup>  
**suphisiisuu** See *suphuu*  
**suphuu** *tv* 1 patch, i.e., put a small piece of material on a hole in old clothes, shoes, etc. *jilba kofoo isaatti carqii suphee uffata* He patches the knees of his pants and wears them [the pants]. 2 sew or stitch, usu old, worn out clothes *kittaa ciccitaa kana suphii uffadhu; hin gatin* Do not throw away this worn-out shirt; stitch it and wear/use it. **suphachuu** *tv* stitch or patch old clothes for self *kittaa isaa suphatee uffata* He patches/

stitches his shirt and wears it.  
**suphamaa** *adj* stitched or patched *kittaa suphamaa* a stitched/patched shirt  
**suphamuu** *tv* (passive) be stitched or patched **suphi-siisuu** *tv* cause to patch or stitch  
**suraa** *n* unprofitable toil and moil  
**surgisuu** *tv* tie firmly *surgisii hidhi* Tie it firmly; see also *nyaq gochuu*  
**suroo** Same as *shuroo*  
**surphuu** Same as *suphuu*  
**surraa** *n* (persons) charm; dignity, i.e., serious, imposing, and majestic style *surraa hin qabu* He lacks dignity/He is not dignified. **surra-qabeessa** *adj* (of males) charming or dignified  
**surra-qabeettii** *adj* (of females) charming or dignified; see also *simboo*  
**surrachuu** *tv* ( tobacco powder) sniff, i.e., take through the nose  
**surrata** *n* tobacco powder for sniffing **surrata butuu** *iv* sniff tobacco powder; see also *surrachuu* above *surrata buta malee gaayyaa hin xuuxu* He does not smoke; he sniffs tobacco powder.  
**surra-qabeessa** See *surraa*  
**surra-qabeettii** See *surraa*  
**surrata** See *surrachuu*  
**surrata butuu** See *surrachuu*  
**surrata xuuxuu** Same as *surrachuu* or *surrata butuu* under *surrachuu*  
**surree** *n* pants or trousers; see also *kofoo*  
**surrii**<sup>1</sup> Same as *surree*  
**surrii**<sup>2</sup> Same as *sammuu* (1)

**surrisuu** Same as *surgisuu*  
**surur nama jechuu** *iv* make shudder; get/have the shivers; give sb the shivers *dhiiga argeen surur na jedhe* The sight of blood gave me the shivers.  
**sussukuu** Same as *suksukuu*  
**sutaa** See *sutuu*  
**sutachuu** See *sutuu*  
**sutamuu** See *sutuu*  
**sutuu** *tv* slip a bundle of grass horizontally in slots prepared when weaving baskets **sutaa** *n* a bundle of grass, consisting of about three stalks, placed horizontally, and used in weaving baskets **sutachuu** *tv* slip a bundle of grass into slots for self **sutamuu** *tv* (passive) [applies to a bundle of weaving grass] be slipped in a slot  
**suubboo** *n* a married man or a man who got married at least once before [cf., *qeerro*] *Ati suubboo dha moo qeerroo dha?* Are you single or married?  
**suubii** Same as *shuubii*  
**suufaa** See *suufuu*  
**suufachuu** Same as *urgeeffachuu* (1) under *urgaawuu*  
**suufii** *n* 1 sunflower, plant or seed 2 wool *suufii bitaateera* He has bought himself a woolen suit.  
**suuftuu** See *suufuu*  
**suufuu** *iv* scent, smell, or sniff, i.e., learn the presence of sb/sth by smell *sangaan koo ni/in suufa* My ox is sniffing. "*Lama na hin suufani*", *jette jaartiin qullubbii hattee* (saying) "I shall not be

*smelled twice!*", said an old woman who had been suspected of stealing garlic and pronounced innocent the first time she was smelled. [masking a crime by being clever] **suufaa** 1 Same as *qorqaa* under *qorquu* 2 a bull or an ox that strays from the herd and frequents a saline grazing area *sangaa suufaa* an ox that frequents a salted grazing spot **suuftuu** *n* a cow that strays from the herd and frequents a salted grazing spot  
**suukannii** Same as *suukii* (2) under *suuka'uu*  
**suuka'uu** *iv* 1 (used of milk being churned) condense, i.e., become thicker *annan kun suuka'eera; dhadhaa bawuuf* This milk is condensed; it's going to turn into butter. 2 repulse; make shudder, i.e., tremble with fear or disgust *dhiiga isaa argeen dhanni koo na suuka'e* I was repulsed by the sight of his blood. **suukessuu** *tv* jar on/cause repulsion *haasaan isaa dhanna nama suukessa* The way he talks or what he says jars on one's nerves or system **suukii** *n* 1 curds 2 shivers/shudder; repulsion  
**suukessuu** See *suuka'uu*  
**suukii** See *suuka'uu*  
**suulawuu** *iv* (applies to eye) be infected **suulessuu** *tv* (applies to eye disease) first makes the eye lashes disappear and then causes eye sore/infection **suuloo** *adj* of persons or animals with eye sore

**suulessuu** See *suulawuu*  
**suuloo**<sup>1</sup> adj (usu of horses)  
 squinted-eyed or one-eyed *fardi kun suuloo dha* This horse is one-eyed.  
**suuloo**<sup>2</sup> See *suulessuu*  
**suummoo** Same as *shuummoo*  
**suunsuma** Same as *aantii*  
**suuphii** Same as *shuubii*  
**suuqa** See *suuquu*  
**suuqaa** See *suuquu*  
**suuqamuu** See *suuquu*  
**suuqii** *n* shop or store where goods are sold/bought  
**suuqilee** Same as *suuqii*  
**suuqqaa** See *suuquu*  
**suuqqachiisuu** See *suuquu*  
**suuqqachuu** See *suuquu*  
**suuqsisuu** See *suuquu*  
**suuquu** *tv* 1 stick, i.e., push sth into hair, hay, wall made of sticks, etc., *intala kana eenyutu abaaboo mataatti suuqeef* Who put a flower in this little girl's hair? 2 set fire to sth *abidda manatti suuqxee fiigde* She set fire to the hut and ran away. **suuqa** *n* 1 corner in a room *ashaboo kana suuqa kaayi* Put this salt in the corner. 2 covering or filling/stopping up sth **suuqaa** *n* height, i.e., the distance way up above one's head where sth is hung, fixed, placed, etc. *kan suuqaa fudhuutti kan ukaa buufte* (saying) While trying to take/pick up sth way above her head, she dropped the one already in her armpit [greed].  
**suuqamuu** *tv* be covered/

filled/stopped up **suuqqaa** *n* space or slot on wall where sth is stuck or put *aalbee suuqqaattii na fidi* Bring me the knife; it is tucked away somewhere in the wall. **suuqqachiisuu** *tv* cause to stick sth into for self  
**suuqqachuu** *tv* cover over/stop up 1 *manni kee ni/in dhimmisaa suqqadhu* The roof of your house leaks, so cover over the hole. See also *duuchuu* (1) under *duuduu*<sup>1</sup> 2 stick sth in one's hair, etc. *abaaboo suuqqattee miidhagdee gabaa dhaqxe* She put flowers in her hair, made herself beautiful, and went to the market. 3 hang sth for self 4 Same as *guduunfachuu* (2) under *guduunfuu* **suuqsisuu** *tv* cause to stick/hang/set fire to sth  
**suuraa** *n* picture; photo; photograph *suuraa ka'e* He had his picture taken.  
**suurata** Same as *surrata* under *surrachuu*  
**suus** Same as *dhukkuba sombaa* under *somba*  
**suusii** Same as *araada*  
**suuta** *adv* slowly *suuta deemi* Walk slowly. *suuta jedhi; hin jerjerin* Take it easy; don't rush.  
**suutta'uu** *tv* (usu applies to sheaf of grains) mess, disarrange, disorder, tousle, or disarray *garbuu kana maaf akkana suuttaata?* Why do you put the barley sheaves into such a disarray, so to speak?

**suutto** *n* bunch of dry grass used for kindling fire or as cushion for drying grains, pepper, etc., in the sun

**suutuma** Same as *suuta*

## sh/SH

**shaadaa** *n* without rest; without a break *shaadaan ojjachaa oolan* They were working all day without rest.

**shaa gochuu** *tv* scatter, spray, or pour sth with sound

**shaa jechuu** *iv* 1 make sound (of sth being poured) 2 (of news, information) be spoken or spread openly

**shaakala** See *shaakaluu*

**shaakalachuu** *tv* drink alcoholic beverage and look tipsy

**shaakaluu** *tv* 1 rehearse, i.e., practice (usu privately) musical piece, a play, a speech, etc., prior to a public presentation 2 be under tension or strain, i.e., worry and be jittery/nervous instead of relaxing **shaakala** *n* 1 rehearsal 2 strain or tension, i.e., a feeling of worry and nervousness that makes it difficult for a person to relax

**shaakaraawuu** *iv* (usu used of human skin or surface) be/become coarse, rough, i.e., not smooth

**shaakkisa** See *shaakkisuu*

**shaakkisuu** *iv* 1 cackle or make the shrill cry characteristic of a partridge *gogorriin ni/in shaakkifti* A partridge cackles. 2 (usu of a river) roar *bishaan laga kanaa hedduu shaakkisa* The water in this river roars a lot. **shaakkisa** *n* cackle, i.e., noise made by a partridge *shaakkisa gogorrii kaana* We will set out at dawn as soon as we hear a partridge's cackle.

**shaakura** *n* a collar studded with rattling ornaments, put round a mule's neck

**shaalgaa** *n* a long, round cup

**shaalii** Same as *guuboo*; see also *rikaa*

**shaalla'uu** *iv* (usu of conversation) bore, i.e., make sb tired or uninterested

**shaallessuu** *tv* nauseate, i.e., cause sb feel like vomiting/nausea

**shaalloo**<sup>1</sup> *n* nausea or sickness

**shaalloo**<sup>2</sup> *adj* grey/gray

**shaamaa** *n* candle

**shaambo** a large gourd, usu used for holding honey

**shaanaa** Same as *raafuu*

**shaanii**<sup>1</sup> Same as *fududdisoo* under *fududdisuu*; see also *furguggisoo*

**shaanii**<sup>2</sup> Same as *saanii*<sup>2</sup>

**shaanshamuu** Same as *bilchaachuu* (1) *shaanshamulle*, *shaanaan*

*shaanuma* (saying) No matter how well cooked it is, cabbage is cabbage, i.e., it cannot be, say, as good as meat. [The essence of things cannot be changed].

**shaaraa**<sup>1</sup> *n* waste matter left behind after butter has been

processed; see also *antaa* and *udaan dhadhaa* under *udaanuu*  
**shaaraa**<sup>2</sup> *n* a snare/trap, usu for catching partridge  
**shaarfaa** *n* snack, i.e., light food, usu roast grain or local bread, served with coffee  
**shaarsisuu** See *shaaruu*  
**shaaruu** *tv* 1 Same as *buqqisuu* (2) under *buqqawuu* 2 (usu used of tapeworm medicine) be efficacious *koosoon na shaareera* The medicine I took for my tapeworm has been efficacious. 3 (of girth sticking together while a pack animal moves) separate *macaanyaa shaari* Separate the girths that have stuck together.  
**shaarsisuu** *tv* 1 Same as *buqqisiisuu* (2) under *buqqawuu* 2 remove / get rid of, or cure tapeworm *qoricha kanatu na shaarsise* It is this medicine that rid me of tapeworm.  
**shaasharii** *n* a bifurcated hoe with a sharp metal point on the tip of each prong, used for digging or breaking up soil  
**shaashaatee** *adj, n* 1 earring 2 cheerful and jovial  
**shaashaatuu** *adv* early in the morning when birds begin to chirp/twitter; dawn; daybreak see also *waca simbiraa* under *wacuu*  
**shaashii** *adj, n* 1 muslin/scarf worn over the hair by women 2 turban worn over the head, usu by religious leaders 3 (usu intensifies *adii*) snow-white

*kittaan koo adii shaashii dha* My shirt is snow-white. See also *shaashoo*<sup>1</sup>

**shaashoo**<sup>1</sup> *adj* (usu of animals) dazzling or snow-white *farda shaashoo* a snow-white horse  
**shaashoo**<sup>2</sup> *n* children's disease very common when the weather is cold

**shaayee** *n* potato; see also *dinnicha*  
**shaayii** *n* tea; see also *shayee*

**shabbabuu** *tv* (usu used of horse or mule) muzzle with rope, strap, etc., in the absence of a bit *fardaa isaa funyoo dhaan shabbabee yaabbatee qajele* He muzzled his horse with rope and rode away/off.

**shab gochuu** *tv* tie lightly and fast *mudhii isee sabbataan shabgoote* She tied her dress at the waist with a belt.

**shafa** See *shafuu*

**shafamuu** *iv* stagger, i.e., walk, move, or totter unsteadily *namni machaaye shafamaa deema* A drunk staggers when he/she walks.

**shafee** Same as *karaabaa/arcummee*

**shaffaxa** *adv* (usu applies to walking on a steep slope) zigzag *awuu tabba baanu yoo shafaxa deemne dafnee hin daxxabnu* If we walk zigzag when we go up a hill, we won't be tired easily.

**shaffaxuu** *tv* 1 swindle/trick sb out of *orii hedduu na shaffaxe* He swindled me out of a lot of money. 2 deny having borrow-



ed, taken, etc., *birri shan na irraa liqeeffatee na shaffaxe* He denied borrowing five birri from me.

**shaffee** *n* 1 blood money, usu a gourd of butter, a culprit gives to sb he has wounded. 2 Same as *buna qalaa* under *buna* 3 Same as *karaabaa/arcummee*; see also *shafee*

**shafoo** Same as *kabeelaa* under *kabeela'uu*

**shafshafa** See *shafshafuu*

**shafshafaa** Same as *shafshafamaa* under *shafshafuu*

**shafshafamaa** See *shafshafuu*

**shafshafamuu** See *shafshafuu*

**shafshafuu** *tv* build, weave, sew, etc. flimsily **shafshafa** *n* shoddy; poor workmanship **shafshafamaa** *adj* (of sth built, sewn, woven, etc.) flimsy, weak, or ugly *mana shafshafamaa* a flimsy house **shafshafamuu** *tv* (passive) be built, sewn, woven, etc., flimsily

**shafuu** *tv* shake sth up *qoricha sana utuu hin dhugin dura shafi* Shake that bottle of medicine well before you drink the medicine in it. **shafa** *n* (usu of liquid) shaking, i.e., the act of moving sth in which there is liquid with short, quick, vibratory movements

**shaggar** Same as *finfinnee*

**shaggee** Same as *sheggee*

**shaggina** Same as *sheggina*

**shaggooyee** *n* a variety of dance popular in eastern Oromiyaa; in this highly rhythmical dance, the

female bends down much lower than the male who leads her

**shaggunmaa** Same as *sheggina*

**shakaka** *n* a kind of food prepared from wheat

**shakakkee** *n* red soil

**shakaksuu** Same as *sokoksuu* (1)

**shakamii** *n* rustle or rattle, i.e., a rapid succession of short, sharp sounds *kenna rabbii shakamii hin dhagayanuu* (saying) No one hears any sound when God brings prosperity [God works silently and mysteriously]

**shakeeree** Same as *yeekkaraa* under *yeekkaruu*

**shakka** See *shakkuu*

**shakkamuu** See *shakkuu*

**shakkisiisuu** 1 See *shakkuu* 2 Same as *sokoksiisuu* under *sokoksuu*

**shakkisuu** Same as *sokoksuu*

**shakkuu** *iv* 1 be undecided, hesitate, vacillate, or waver *sangaa koo gurguruun shake* I hesitated to sell my ox. 2 doubt; be suspicious, be skeptical, or smell a rat *waanti ani sitti himuu kun dhugaa dha; hin shakkin* What I'm telling you is the truth; don't doubt it. **shakka** *n* doubt, suspicion, or skepticism *ani shakka tokkolee hin qabu* I have no doubt at all. **shakkamuu** *tv* (passive) be doubted or be suspected **shakkisiisuu** *tv* cause to doubt

**shakoraa** Same as *shonkoora*

**shakshakuu** *tv* remove shell by pounding grain in a mortar

**shakura** Same as *shaakura*  
**shala** *n* an antelope-like wild animal  
**shalaala** *adj*, *n* 1 Same as *dabaa* (1) under *dabuu* 2 a variety of food  
**shalalessuu** Same as *dabsuu* under *dabuu*  
**shalaaluu** Same as *dabuu*  
**shalabuu** *tv* cut the root of a plant/tree with an axe  
**shalalaa** Same as *dhama*  
**shalaltaa** Same as *farsoo*  
**shalaph gochuu** Same as *shab gochuu*  
**shallaga**<sup>1</sup> See *shallaguu*<sup>3</sup>  
**shallaga**<sup>2</sup> Same as *dhibaayaa* under *dhibaawuu*  
**shallagamaa**<sup>1</sup> Same as *allagamaa* under *allaguu*  
**shallagamaa**<sup>2</sup> See *shallaguu*<sup>3</sup>  
**shallagamu**<sup>1</sup> Same as *allagamu* under *allaguu*  
**shallagamu**<sup>2</sup> See *shallaguu*<sup>3</sup>  
**shallagsiisuu**<sup>1</sup> See *shallaguu*<sup>3</sup>  
**shallagsiisuu**<sup>2</sup> Same as *allagsiisuu* under *allaguu*  
**shallaguu**<sup>1</sup> Same as *allaguu*  
**shallaguu**<sup>2</sup> Same as *dhibaawuu*  
**shallaguu**<sup>3</sup> *tv* add up, calculate, compute, or estimate *soogida birri dhibbaan*, *buna birri shantamaan*, *shunkurtii birri soddomaanin bitee me naa shallagi* I bought salt for 100, coffee for 50, and onions for 30 birr, respectively. Calculate the total expense for me, please. **shallaga** *n* estimation **shallagamaa** *adj* estimated **shallagamu** *tv* (passive) be

calculated/estimated  
**shallagsiisuu** *tv* cause to estimate or calculate  
**shalshalii** Same as *kaboochuu*  
**shamaa** Same as *samaa* (1) under *samuu*  
**shamada** Same as *samata* under *samatu*  
**shamara** *n* a young girl  
**shamarran** *n* young girls  
*shamarran bareedanii dhufan* The young girls made themselves beautiful and came.  
**shamatu** Same as *samatu*  
**shamaxa** *n* a horse dressed in clothes especially made for the occasion and ridden at a funeral of a notable member of a community  
**shambaqqoo** Same as *shomboqqoo*  
**shammaanee** *n* weaver, i.e., a person whose profession is weaving cloth at a loom  
**shammaduu** Same as *samatu*  
**shammatuu** Same as *samatu*  
**shamqaqqoo** *n* a loose knot; cf., *guduunfaa* (1) under *guduunfuu*  
**shamsuu** Same as *samsuu* under *samuu*  
**shamtuu** Same as *samtuu* under *samuu*  
**shamugee** *n* quality, tall grass used for thatching roof *mana isaa citaa shamugee dhaan iijeere* He thatched the roof of his house with the best quality tall grass.  
**shamuu** Same as *samuu*  
**shan** *adj*, *n* five (5) *nama shan* five persons **abbaa shantamaa** *n* 1 sergeant 2 (*usu* takes *birri*) *birri*

*isa abbaa shantamaa* a fifty-birr note/bill **shanaaffaa** *adj, n* fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) *bunni kun shanaaffaa kooti* This is my fifth cup of coffee. **shanan** *adj, n* (usu takes *tokko*) about five *cuucii indaaqqoo shanan tokko* about five chicks **2** the five of *isin shanan gama ceyaa* The five of you, go to the opposite side. **3** period of five days during which a woman is confined after giving birth *shanan isee ijaa har'a raaw'ateef gadi bayan* The baby and the mother are allowed to go out because today is the end of the five-day confinement period. **shan shaniin** *adv* in fives; for five each *shan shaniin lakkaayi* Count these in fives. *birri shan shaniin biti* Buy these for five birri each. **shaniin** *prep* for five *birri shaniin na irraa biti* Buy it from me for five birri. **shanitti** *prep* at/for five *shanitti kottu* Come at five o'clock. *birri shanitti gurgure* He sold it for five birr **shantama** *adj, n* fifty (50) **shantama shantamaan** *adv* in fifties; for fifty each *reettii kana sadan birri shantama shantamaan bitan* They bought these three goats for fifty birr each. **shantamaan** *prep* for fifty *shantamaan bitte* She/You bought it for fifty. **shantamatti** *prep* for fifty *hoolaa isaa birri shantamatti gurgure* He sold his sheep for fifty birri **shantamii** *adj* used when counting fifty-one to fifty-nine *shantamii lama... shatamii*

*sagal fifty-one...fifty-nine*  
**shantammaffaa** *adj, n* fiftieth (50<sup>th</sup>) *dhibba keessaa shantammaffaa baye* He became fiftieth out of one hundred.  
**shantamman** *adj* (takes *tokko*) about fifty *nama shantamman tokkotu walgayii har'aa dhufe* About fifty people showed up at today's meeting.  
**shanaa** *n* fine grain powder or flour  
**shanaafachuu** *iv* (of females) show sign of desire to mate or have sexual intercourse  
**shanacha**<sup>1</sup> a committee of elders, usu five, who are elected by a community to resolve conflicts; cf., *shanee*  
**shanacha**<sup>2</sup> *n 1* a collective name for the five fingers or toes **2** Same as *barruu*<sup>1</sup>; see also *baxxeessaa*  
**shanafachuu** Same as *jooruu* (1)  
**shanaaffaa** See *shan*  
**shanan** See *shan*  
**shananii** *n* barren land, i.e., land the soil of which is of such poor quality that plants cannot grow on it  
**shandaaffoo** Same as *sandaaffoo*  
**shandhee** Same as *waciitii* and *xuwwee*  
**shanee** *n* an administrative committee of five members, usu in charge of cooperative cattle tending in turns *gaafa darabee keetii yoo sa'a hin tiksine shaneen si adaba* If you fail to tend cattle when it is your turn to do so, the

committee of five will punish you.

**shangobata** *n* chin

**shanii**<sup>1</sup> Same as *shanacha*<sup>1</sup>

**shanii**<sup>2</sup> *n* bed sheet

**shaniin** See *shan*

**shankoora** *n* sugar cane

**shanshalata** Same as *sansalata*

**shantama** See *shan*

**shantamaan** See *shan*

**shantamaffaa** Same as *shantammaffaa* under *shan*

**shantaman** Same as *shantamman* under *shan*

**shantamatti** See *shan*

**shantamii** See *shan*

**shantammaffaa** See *shan*

**shantamman** See *shan*

**shanyii** Same as *sanyii*

**shanyoo** Same as *sanyoo*

**shaqaabaa** See *shaqqabuu*

**shaqaxa** See *shaqaxuu*

**shaqaxii** *n* gourd vessel

**shaqaxuu** *tv* sell goods in an open market place or in a shop

**shaqaxa** *n* goods sold in a shop or in an open market place

**mana shaqaxaa** *n* a shop where goods are sold

**shaqaxachuu** *tv* buy or sell goods for self

**shaqqabuu** *tv* hamper, hinder, obstruct, or prevent

*akka ani bayee hin ojjanne bokkaan na shaqqabe* The rain prevented me from going out to work.

**shaqaabaa** *adj* hindering

*namicha shaqaabaa* a hindering man

**sharaa** *n* canvas used for tents, shoes, etc.,

*caammaa sharaa* canvas shoes

**sharaabaa** Same as *karaabaa*

**sharaabii** Same as *karaabii*

**sharafa** See *sharafuu*

**sharafachuu** See *sharafuu*

**sharafsiisuu** See *sharafuu*

**sharafuu** *tv* (used of coins/notes) change

*birri abbaa kudhanii kana naa sharafi* Change this ten-dollar bill for me.

**sharafa** *n* change

**sharafachuu** *tv* change for self

**shrafsiisuu** *tv* cause to change

**sharaqa** Same as *miiccaa* under *miiccuu*

**sharaquu** Same as *miiccuu*

**sharariitii** Same as *sarariitii*

**shararuu** Same as *sararuu*

**sharashartuu** Same as *charchaarii* under *charchaaruu*

**sharasharuu** Same as *charchaaruu*

**shari'aa** *n* sharia or sheria, i.e., a system of laws followed by Moslems

**sharrafamuu** See *sharrafuu*

**sharrafsiisuu** See *sharrafuu*

**sharrafuu** *tv* cut/chip the tip of

**sharrafamuu** *tv* be chipped or cut

**sharrafsiisuu** *tv* cause to chip or cut; see also *seela'uu*

**sharshaarii** Same as *charchaarii* under *charchaaruu*

**sharuura** *n* (applies to a thing) unknown quantity or insignificance, i.e., unimportant or almost worthless because it is very small in size or amount

**shashara** Same as *uukkoo*

**shawshawwee** Same as *gaattiraa* (1)

**shawwisaa** See *shawwisuu*

**shawwisuu** *iv* walk fast; be agile in movement; whiz/whizz *ni/in shawwisa* He walks fast.  
**shawwisaa** *n* a kind of snake that whizzes by or crawls real fast  
**shaxee**<sup>1</sup> *adj* of sth with a sharp tip  
**shaxee**<sup>2</sup> See *shax gochuu*  
**shax gochuu** *tv* lash, switch, or whip **shaxee** *n* switch, i.e., a twig used for whipping children; see also *arcumme*  
**shaxxee** Same as *shaxee* under *shax gochuu*  
**shayee** *n* tea  
**shedara** Same as *sheedara*  
**shee** Same as *see*  
**sheedara** *adj* (usu of female humans or things) beautiful and charming; see also *bareedduu* under *bareedduu*  
**sheeka** Same as *sheekii*  
**sheekii** *n* sheik or sheikh  
**sheekoo** *n* tale, i.e., a story, real or imaginary, usu related to children  
**sheelaa** Same as *seelaa* under *seela'uu*  
**sheelachuu** Same as *seelachuu* under *seela'uu*  
**sheela'uu** Same as *seela'uu*  
**sheelechuu** Same as *seelessuu* under *seela'uu*  
**sheenaa** Same as *seenaa* (1)  
**sheenyoo** *adj* of a goat without horns  
**sheeramamuu** See *sheeramuu*  
**sheeramuu** *tv* shuck or husk grain, usu in a mortar

**sheramamuu** *tv* (passive) be shucked or husked in a mortar  
**sheggee** *adj* beautiful *intala/qamisii sheggee* a beautiful girl/dress  
**sheggina** *n* beauty *shegginaan intala isaatu jara caala* His daughter excels them in beauty.  
**sheggummaa** Same as *sheggina*  
**sheramuu** Same as *sheeramuu*  
**sherfee** *n* a small basket, usu for serving roast grain  
**sherree** *adj* (usu of a cane/stick) straight and beautiful *ulee sherree qaba* He has a straight, beautiful stick/cane  
**shibata** *n* a unit of land measure, probably an acre or even a hectare *lafa shibata tokko qaba* He has one unit of land measure.  
**shibatee** *n* a small axe, probably a hatchet  
**shibilikii** Same as *shibilliqii*  
**shibilliqii** *n* wedge  
**shiboo** *n* wire, i.e., metal in the form of string or thread  
**shib shiboo** *n* dress pleated and sewn at the waist; plicated dress; a dress gathered at the waist *shibshiboo naa bitaa* Please, buy me a dress gathered at the waist.  
**shiduu** Same as *qabsiisuu* (1) under *qabuu*  
**shifaa** *n* barley chaff or husk *qalbi-dhabeettiin antuutaa, shifaa irratti duuti* (saying) An imprudent rat/mouse gets killed on barley chaff. [Don't lose your life on sth trivial].  
**shifaawuu** Same as *shifachuu*

**shifachuu** *iv* (usu used of things) become small or tiny *boqqolloon koo brana ni/in shifate* This year my corn crop or corn on the cob has become tiny. **shifeessuu** *tv* cause to be small or tiny *foon kana maaliif akkana shifeessitee murte?* Why did you cut this meat into such small pieces? **shifii** *adj* (usu of things) small or tiny *baalli shumburaa shifii dha* Chick pea leaves are tiny. **shifina** *n* smallness *muusii kana shifina isaa hin ilaalinaa; baay'ee mi'ayaa* Don't judge these bananas by their size (smallness); they are very delicious.

**shifee**<sup>1</sup> Same as **shifii** under *shifachuu*

**shifee**<sup>2</sup> Same as *sibijjii*

**shifeessuu** See *shifachuu*

**shifii** See *shifachuu*

**shifina** See *shifachuu*

**shiftaa** *n* an outlaw who roams around and robs/kills people.

**shiftee** Same as *gifira*

**shiftii** Same as *gifira*

**shiftoo** Same as *gifira*

**shifuu** Same as *barbaree*

**shiggiree** *n* safety razor; see also *qarabaa*

**shigiduu** Same as *tumuu* (2)

**shiifa** *n* strange, hitherto unknown behavior; newly acquired, bad behavior

**shiifto** Same as *gifira*

**shiikkoo** Same as *xinnoo/xiqqoo*

**shiila yaafachuu** *iv* acquire hitherto unknown, strange behavior

**shiilchoo** *n* boiled meat

**shiiluu** *tv* roast or cook in oil

**shiimoo** Same as *mulluu*

**shiinii** *n* coffee cup

**shiir** *n* muddy soil which is difficult to dig or shovel

**shiiraa** Same as *goolloo*<sup>2</sup>

**shikaala** *n* 1 picket, i.e., pointed stake erected in the ground, usu for tethering animals; see also *chikaala* 2 Same as *shibilliqlii*

**shikkaa mokkaa** *n* (food or things) stuff, i.e., material not specifically identified *mee shikkaa mokkaallee nu nyaachis* Give us something or some stuff to eat, please.

**shilachiisuu** See *shilachuu*

**shilachuu** *tv* cajole, fawn on/upon, pander to, or wheedle, i.e., incincerely treat sb as if he/she is super human in order to get sth from him/her *isee shilatee horii irraa fudhate* He wheedled money out of her.

**shilacha** *n* cajoling, fawning, or wheedling **shilachiisuu** *tv* cause to fawn on or pander to

**shilatamuu** *tv* (passive) be wheedled

**shilatamuu** See *shilachuu*

**shilee** Same as *shilacha* under *shilachuu*

**shilim jechuu** Same as *slim jechuu*

**shilkii** *n* telephone *shilkii naa bilbili* Give me a call/Telephone me.

**shilmii** Same as *silmii* (1)  
**shimala** *n* tough bamboo used as  
 spear handle, walking stick,  
 cane, etc.; see also *leemman* (1)  
**shimaxee** Same as *saaxaraa* (2)  
**shimbira alkanii** Same as *simbira*  
*alkanii*  
**shimbir buteessa** Sam as *simbir*  
*buteessa*  
**shimbirroo** Same as *simbirroo*  
**shinaana** Same as *sinaana*  
**shindhaa** 1 Same as *siicoo/atalaa* 2  
 Same as *ongochoo*  
**shinfaa** *n* mustard plant/seed, or  
 mustard relish  
**shinfii** Same as *shinfaa*  
**shinkaara** *n* filler metal having a  
 high melting point used for  
 welding  
**shinoo** Same as *daabbusee*  
**shiqoo** Same as *sunqoo*  
**shira** *n* a scheme, intrigue, or an  
 underhand plot to harm sb **shira**  
**nyaachuu** *iv* cheat in a game  
**shirachuu** *tv* 1 (usu used of liquor  
 /arack) buy in cups instead of  
 the whole bottle *kottuu araqee*  
*shirannaa* Come, let's buy arack  
 in cups (i.e., in small quantities)  
 and drink. 2 chip in  
**shirgigaachisuu** Same as  
*sigigeessuu* under *sigigaachuu*  
**shirgigaachuu** Same as  
*sigigaachuu*  
**shir namatti jechuu** *tv* cause to  
 feel tipsy *dhugaatiin kun shir natti*  
*jetteetti* This drink has made me  
 feel tipsy.  
**shiroo** Same as *shuroo*

**shirshaaroo** *n* retail, i.e., sale of  
 goods in small quantities as  
 opposed to whole sale *an*  
*soogidda shirshaaroo hin gurguru* I  
 do not sell salt by retail.  
**shishii** Same as *qeberoo*; see also  
*korkorii*  
**shishuu** *iv* care *inni humaaafu hin*  
*shishu* He doesn't care about  
 anything.  
**shitto** *n* perfume  
**shixxee** Same as *shaxee* under *shax*  
*gochuu*  
**shobokaa** *n* a kind of corn, the  
 grain of which is large  
**shofee** *adj*, *n* 1 cigarette, usu dry  
 tobacco leaf rolled in a piece of  
 ordinary paper 2 (undesirable)  
 too light, i.e., as light as dry leaf  
*birdilibsi shofee bite* He bought an  
 extremely light blanket  
**shoggaraa** Same *soqaa* (1)  
**shoggaruu** Same *soquu* (1)  
**shokkisuu** *tv* crush up or grind,  
 usu dry grain *boqqolloo shokkifti*  
 She is grinding dry corn.  
**shokokkee** *n* a kind of bird (it is  
 notorious for scaring people by  
 flying away suddenly from its  
 hiding place  
**shokoksuu** Same as *sokoksuu*  
**shokomsuu** *iv* make faint noise or  
 movement as a signal, usu from  
 one's hiding place  
**shokora** a kind of bird  
**sholloga** *adj* (of sauce or alcoholic  
 drinks) watery and weak *farsoo*  
*sholloga* weak beer *itto* *sholloga*  
 watery sauce  
**sholola** Same as *sholloga*

**shololaa'uu** Same as *sololaachuu*  
**shololaachuu** Same as *sololaachuu*  
**shololahuu** Same as *sololaachuu*  
**shololiyaa** Same as *sololiyaa*  
**shomboqqoo** *n* reed, i.e., the one with soft-walled stalk [*arundo donax*]; see *leemman*  
 [*arundinaria alpina*, i.e., the mountain bamboo] for the one with hard-walled stalk  
**shoobdoo** *n* conversation or a chat  
**shoochi** Same as *oshee*  
**shooguu** *tv* adorn, decorate, embellish, or make beautiful  
*barcuma koo itti shoogee naa ojate* He embellished my stool (for me). *farda iseetti shoogde* She decorated her horse.  
**shooke** *n* cattle epidemic disease  
**shookifachuu** *iv* rub against sth repeatedly  
**shoolee** *adj* (of a female human) tall and beautiful  
**shoolibuu** Same as *soollaguu*  
**shooma** *n* hunger; see also *beela* (1) under *beela'uu*  
**shooma'uu** Same as *beela'uu*  
**shoomessuu** Same as *beelessuu* under *beela'uu*  
**shoora** *n* participation *misooma irratti shoora fudhachuun barbaachisaa dha* Participation in development activities is necessary.  
**shoororkaa** See *shoorarkeessuu*  
**shoorarkeessuu** *tv* terrorize; create worry or concern  
**shoorarkaa** *n* worry; terror; unhappiness *shoorarkaa malee gammachuu dhabdeetti* She

doesn't have any happiness except worry and frustration.  
**shoorarkeessota** (pl) *n* terrorists  
**shoorbaa** Same as *duphoo*  
**shoorgoo** Same as *soorgoo* (2)  
**shooshoo** *n* (vulgar) Same as *buqushaa*  
**shooxee** *adj* (of females) tall and beautiful; see also *shoolee*  
**shopha** *n* spoiled or decayed mushroom  
**shorbaa** Same as *duphoo*  
**shororkaa** Same as *shoorarkaa*  
**shorroquu** Same as *foqoquu* (1)  
**shoshoo** *n* leaves that have fallen from trees and dried, usu used as firewood  
**shoxee** *adj* beautiful *intala shoxee qaba* He has a beautiful daughter.  
**shubbisuu** *iv* (usu used of a person believed to be under spell) dance wildly *ni/in shubbifte* She danced wildly (as if she were under spell).  
**shubuu** *tv* 1 (usu of clothes) fold and cram into sth 2 Same as *suntuuruu*  
**shufeerii** *n* 1 crew-cut *maaliif shufeerii murachiifatte?* Why did you have your hair a crew cut? 2 driver of vehicles; chauffeur *shufeerii ta'uu barbaada* He wants to become a driver.  
**shuffee** See *shuffisuu*  
**shuffisuu** *iv* (usu used of dogs) 1 loaf, ramble, or wander, i.e., go from place to place *sareen isaa asii fi achi shuffisti* His dog wanders about 2 (of wind) blow



(with noise) *qillensatu shuffisa* It is the wind that is blowing noisily. 3 go briskly/fast  
**shuffee** *adj* of sb who rambles/wanders *iseen mana hin teessu*; *shuffee dha* She doesn't stay at home; she is the wandering type.  
**shuf jechuu** *iv* whiz, i.e., go fast or rush *shuf jedhee asiin darbe* He whizzed past.  
**shufroo** *adj* 1 Same as *xuraayaa* under *xuraawuu* 2 small/tiny and worthless  
**shuggee** Same as *shugguxii* (2); see also *buttullee*  
**shugguxii** *n* 1 pistol; revolver 2 small bottle (with capacity of about ½ a litter) in which arack is sold  
**shuguyyaa** Same as *suguyyaa*  
**shukaawachuu** Same as *rigachuu* (1) under *riguu*  
**shukaawuu** Same as *riguu* (1)  
**shukka** *n* 1 dagger; see also *cuubee* 2 fork  
**shukkaara** *n* sugar  
**shukkuumuu** Same as *sukkuumuu*  
**shulaaquu** Same as *makuu* (1)  
**shulee**<sup>1</sup> Same as *sullee*  
**shulee**<sup>2</sup> Same as *sulula*  
**shulee**<sup>1</sup> Same as *quunxii*  
**shullisuu** Same as *shuffisuu* (3)  
**shultii** *n* weed the root of which has penetrated deep into the ground  
**shumburaa** *n* chick pea or chick pea plant  
**shumbur-shanyii** *n* chick pea sowing or growing time or season

**shunaa** an expression of endearment used when addressing or referring to a little boy *shunaa koo maaliif boossa?* Why are you crying, my dear, little boy?  
**shunee** an expression of endearment used when addressing or referring to a little girl *shunee koo eessa deemta?* Where are you going, my dear, little girl?  
**shunfaa** Same as *sanaafica/feexoo*  
**shunkurtaa** *n* red onion  
**shunkurtii** Same as *shunkurtaa*  
**shunququu** Same as *daa'imuu/foqoquu*  
**shunququu** Same as *shunququu*  
**shuntuuruu** Same as *suntuuru*  
**shuqoo** Same as *sunqoo*  
**shuqshuqqee** *adj* fawning, obsequious, servile, slavish, or sycophantic, i.e., of a person who flatters and praises sb to get some advantage  
**shuqula** See *shuquluu*  
**shuqulachuu** See *shuquluu*  
**shuqulamuu** See *shuquluu*  
**shuqulsiisuu** See *shuquluu*  
**shuquluu** *tv* shuck or husk grain by pounding it in a mortar  
**shuqula** *n* shucking or husking  
**shuqulachuu** *tv* husk or shuck for self **shuqulamuu** *tv* (passive) be shucked or husked  
**shuqulsiisuu** *tv* cause to shuck or husk grain  
**shuqunuu** Same as *shuquluu*

**shuroo** *n* finely ground roasted pea powder used in preparing stew or pap

**shurraaba** *n* sweater **1 shurraaba miillaa** *n* socks *shurraaba miillaa tokkoo birri shaniin bite* He bought a pair of socks for five birr **2 stockings shurraabi millaa isee baqaqera** Her stockings have run.

**shurrubbaa** *n* braid, i.e., plaited hair *shurrubbaa isee torban torbaniin dhayatti* She redoes her braids every week. **shurrubbaa dhawuu** *tv* braid or plait hair

**shurrubbee** *n* a small flask, usu used for drinking mead

**shurufkaa** Same as *foolii*

**shuruquu** Same as *shuquluu*

**shururuu** expression used over and over, usu when lulling a baby to sleep **shururuu weeddisuu** *iv* (applies to females) sing good-bye song at a wedding immediately after a bride departs *iryaa isaanitiif shururuu weeddisani* They sang a good-bye song after their friend, the bride, had departed

**shuubii** *adv* very early in the morning *ganama shuubii dhufe* He came early in the morning.

**shuumata** See *shuumuu*

**shuumii** See *shuumuu*

**shuummoo** Same as *mulluu*

**shuumsisuu** See *shuumuu*

**shuumuu** *tv* appoint, i.e., select for a position or office *eenyutu isa shuume?* Who appointed him?

**shuumata** *n* appointment.

**shuumii** *n* appointee, chief, or boss **shuumsisuu** *tv* cause to be appointed, recommend for appointment *anoo fira hin qabuu eenyutu na shuumsisa?* Who will recommend me for a good post in the government since I have no friends/relatives who can pull strings?

**shuuroo** Same as *marqaa* under *marquu*

**shuuta** *n* hair at birth, i.e., before being shaved and regrown *ilmi abbaa qabu shuutaan hin du'u* (saying) A son who has a father will not die without having his baby hair shaved off, alluding to the custom that only fathers can shave their baby sons before anybody else does it [the importance of having relatives].

## t/T

**-ta<sup>1</sup>** If the verbs that end in **-dhuu, -fuu, -kuu, -luu, -muu, -nuu, -ruu, -suu -tuu** are preceded by a vowel or vowels, for the 2<sup>nd</sup> person, sing., future or simple present tense, **-ta** is suffixed after removing the **-uu** e.g., (*fuudhuu*) *ati ni/in fuuta* You will take it. (*rafuu*) *ni/in rafta* You sleep or will sleep. (*daakuu*) *har'a bishaan daakta moo qellee taphatta?* Are you going to swim or play hockey today? (*baruu*) *ni/in barta* You learn/will learn. (*bituu*)

*hoolaa moo reettii bitta* Are you going to buy sheep or goats?

**-ta**<sup>2</sup> If the verbs that end in **-achuu** are preceded by a vowel or vowels, for the 3<sup>rd</sup> person, sing., masculine, future or simple present tense, **-ta** is suffixed after removing **-chuu**. e.g.

(*dubbachuu*) *inni bor dubbata*. He will speak tomorrow. (*taphachuu*) *gaaf hunda taphata*. He always plays. (*baachuu*) *maal baata*? What is he carrying? (*gabbachuu*) *cooma hedduu yoo nyaate ni/in gabbata* If he eats too much fat, he will be fat.

**taa** Same as *kaa*

**taa'aa**<sup>1</sup> See *dur*

**taa'aa**<sup>2</sup> See *taa'uu*

**taacaroo** *n* a variety of *caati*

**taachaa** Same as *taasuu*

**taacoroo** Same as *taacaroo*

**taadhii** *adj, n* 1 a cow that milks well or that yields a lot of milk 2 fertile, i.e., of a female that gives birth to many children/calves

**taaffee** *n* hot ointment, usu animal fat, used for treating wounds; fomentation or salve from animal fat **taaffee buusuu** *tv* 1 drop hot ointment on sore or wound to cure it 2 weld *sibiilatti* *taaffee buuse* He welded the metal/iron.

**taaffisuu** *tv* (used of babies) toddle *mucaan koo ni/in taaffisa* My child toddles.

**taajjabuu** *tv* have a low opinion of sb *abbuma argite fakkaatta*; *baay'een si taajjabe* You are a

time-server; I have a low opinion of you.

**taajuma** Same as *tujuba*

**taajura** Same as *tujaara*

**taakka** Same as *tokko/takka*

**taakkiyyee** *n* children's game in which children sit and stretch their legs forward for the player to count (from left to right or from right to left) *taakkiyyee, lamiyyee, lamaan kaan*. The leg on which "lamaan kaan" falls has to be folded. The child whose leg is/legs are not folded wins.

**taakkuu**<sup>1</sup> *n* (usu used for measuring cloth) span, i.e., in Oromo, it is the distance between the tip of a thumb and the tip of the middle finger of an adult person

**taakkuu**<sup>2</sup> Same as *darbuu* (1)

**taakkuu dhoytuu** *n* a kind of worm

**taakuu** Same as *taakkuu*<sup>1</sup>

**taaloo** *n* men's hair style; see also *goofaree*

**taamunii** *n* tamon; a five-cent coin *taamunii digdama yoo qabaattee birri tokko qabda jechuu dha* If you have twenty, five-cent coins it means you have one birr

**taan** Same as *kaan*

**taanikaa** *n* a large, tin container

**taasaa** Same as *taasuu*

**taasisuu** See *ta'uu*

**taassabuu** Same as *taajjabuu*

**taasuu** *adv* 1 "being what one is", i.e., because of (usu because of the belief that one possesses desirable qualities) *na taasun*

*arkaa baye malee na ajjeesu turan* I managed to escape because I am what I am (clever, fast, strong, etc.); otherwise, they would have killed me. **2** Same as *tasa* (**2**)

**taa'umsa** See *taa'uu*

**taa'uu** *iv* **1** sit/take a seat; stay; stay put *maa lafa teessa?* Why are you sitting on the floor? *mana hin teessu* She doesn't stay at home. *baarneexaan kun mataa koo irra hin taa'u* This hat doesn't stay put (on my head). **2** live; reside; stay as a guest; lodge, etc., *haadha isaa moo abbaa isaa bira taa'a?* Does he live with his mother or his father? **3** (takes *arra/irra*) ride or sit, i.e., keep one's seat on a horse, mule, etc.; ride *farda irra taa'uu him/im beektu* She doesn't know how to sit on a horse. *amma asiitti farda irra taa'ee dhufe* Up to this place, he rode on horseback. **4** (takes *arra/irra*; usu hats, clothes, shoes) last, i.e., wear/not wear out fast *wayyaan isa irra hin taa'u* He wears out clothes very fast. **5** sit back, i.e., remain idle/inactive *nu ojjachiisanii ofii taa'anii nyaachuu barbaadu* They want us to work for them so that they themselves can sit back and eat. **itti taauu** *tv* undertake a difficult job *hojiitti taa'e* He undertook a difficult task. **taa'aa** *n* bottom or buttocks; see also *udduu* **taa'umsa** *n* sitting, i.e., idleness *taa'umsa jaal'ata* He likes to live in idleness. **tee-**

**ssisuu** *tv* **1** usher, i.e., conduct guests/people to their seats *keessummaa teessisaa* Usher the guests to their seats. **2** let live or stay with *mana isaa na teessisee mana barnootaatti na galche* He let me live with him and sent me to school. **teessoo** **1** throne **2** bottom or buttocks **3** address *teessoon kee maal?* What is your address?

**taayitaa** *n* power or authority

**taaytaa** Same as *taayitaa*

**taba** Same as *tapha* under *taphachuu*

**tabaaluu** *iv* be witty *dubbi isaa tabaaluu jaal'ata* He likes to be witty.

**tabaaqila** *adj* (positive) of teeth that grow very close together

**tababsuu** *iv* run around real fast

**tabachiisuu** Same as *taphachiisuu* under *taphachuu*

**tabachuu** Same as *taphachuu*

**tabalajjii** *adj* of a person who reels and totters while walking; of a person who walks unsteadily and jerkily as if he/she is about to fall

**tabaroo** **n** **1** power; strength; means, i.e., money, resources, or wealth *mana ijaaruuf tabaroo hin qabu* I have no means to build and own a house. **2** duty, obligation, or responsibility *qaraxa kaffaluun tabaroo nama hundaati* Paying income tax is every person's duty. **3** right, i.e., lawful claim

**tabataa** Same as *taphataa* under *taphachuu*

**tabattuu** Same as *taphattuu* under *taphachuu*

**tabba** *adj*, *n* slope, i.e., area of a steep, rising ground; uphill *tabba baanee aara galfanna* We will rest after we finish walking up the slope. *karaan kun tabba* This is an uphill road. *dhagaan kun tabba irraa gadi kondolaate* This stone rolled down the slope.

**tabjaawuu** *iv* be confused *ni/in tabjoofte* You/She is confused. **tabjeessuu** *tv* baffle, compound, or confuse *maa na tabjeessita?* Why do you confuse me? **tabjii** *n* confusion; see also *joonjessuu* (2) under *joonja'uu*

**tabjeessuu** See *tabjaawuu*

**tabjii** See *tabjaawuu*

**tabuu** *adj* 1 (usu of babies) innocent, i.e., knowing nothing of right or wrong *mucaan kun tabuu dhaa woo maal beeka?* This is only an innocent baby; what does he know? 2 immature, i.e., too young to know, learn, etc. *mucaan koo tabuu dha afaan hin/im barre* My child is still a baby; he hasn't learned to talk yet.

**tadii** *adj* weak and emaciated *sa'a tadii* weak and skinny cow

**ta'ee** *n* a large basket

**tafa** *n* (persons or animals) hip or thigh; rump; haunch, i.e., hip, buttock, and upper thigh

**taffii** Same as *tafkii*

**tafii** *adv*, *n* 1 fast; quickly *tafii dhaan kottu* Come quickly. 2 Same as *tafkii*

**taf jechuu** *iv* get/stand up suddenly and fast; rise *taf jedhee lafaa ka'e* He got up quickly and suddenly.

**tafkii** *n* flea *sareen kun tafkii duwaa dha* This dog is full of fleas. *tafkii quncisee waaroo godhate* (saying) He peeled the fleas and made a cloak (from the peels) for himself. [Exaggeration or hyperbole]. **tafkii buujalee** *n* tiny fleas that burrow the skin and lay eggs there; chigger

**tagooggoo** Same as *togoogoo*

**tagoogoo** Same as *gumbii* (1); cf., *gombisaa*

**taguuga** *adj*, *n* 1 Same as *tagoogoo* 2 Same as *gowwaa*

**tahuu** Same as *ta'uu*

**ta'innaa** See *ta'uu*

**tajaajila** See *tajaajilu*

**tajaajilu** *tv* help; do sb a service, i.e., do sth that helps or benefits him/her *ilmi koo na tajaajilu dide* My son refused to help me.

**tajaajila** *n* benefit; service, i.e., arrangement that supplies individual or public needs *qophina tajaajilaa qonnaan bulaa a* (radio/TV)program for the benefit of the farmers

**tajii** *n* (usu takes *qaluu*) a ritual performed by slaughtering a bull just before hanging bee hives on trees *kaleessa tajii qalle* We performed the *tajii* ritual yesterday.

**takaalachuu** Same as *takaalachuu*  
under *takaaluu*

**takaalamuu** See *takaaluu*

**takaalchisuu** Same as *takaalsisuu*  
under *takaaluu*

**takaallaa** See *takaaluu*

**takaallachuu** See *takaaluu*

**takaalsisuu** See *takaaluu*

**takaaluu** *tv* 1 hobble, hopple, or  
shackle animals, i.e., tie one  
hind leg and one front leg  
together; tie one front leg to the  
neck *farda isaa takaalee gadhiise*  
He hobbled his horse and let  
him loose. 2 shackle, i.e., restrict  
freedom of movement, work,  
etc., and cause sb to be poor  
*mootummaan kun akka ani hin*  
*qotanne, akka ani hin horanne na*  
*takaale* This government  
prevented me from farming or  
acquiring wealth. **takaalamuu** *tv*  
(passive) be hobbled/shackled;  
be restricted *fardi takaalamee?* Is  
the horse shackled? *takaalameen*  
*iiyyoome malee ani ojii jibbee miti* I  
didn't hate to work, but I was  
shackled and became poor.

**takaallaa** *n* hobble, i.e., a device  
such as a rope or strap used to  
hobble/shackle an animal  
*harreen takkaalla isee kutattee*  
*midhaan lixxe* The donkey broke  
its hobble and entered the crop.

**takaallachuu** *tv* hobble an  
animal for self *farda kee*  
*takaalladhuu gadhiisii ol seeni*  
Hobble your horse yourself, let  
him loose, and come in.

**takaalsisuu** *tv* cause to  
hobble/shackle

**takaroo** *n* disagreement or  
opposition

**takashuu** Same as *udumuu*

**takka** *adj, n, adv* 1 a little while  
*takka xinnoo turi deemi* Stay for a  
little while and leave/ go. 2 one;  
once *takka dhuufuun dhiirummaa*  
*dha; lama dhuufuun harrummaa*  
*dha* Farting once is manly; doing  
it twice, however, is asinine  
(saying) [Committing the same  
mistake is a shame] 3 once upon  
a time *takkallee gadaa keenyaan*  
*bullaa turre, akka har'aa osoo hin*  
*ta'in* Once upon a time, not  
now, we used to be governed by  
our *gadaa* principles. **takka takka**  
*adv* occasionally, once in a while,  
or sometimes *takka takka ni/in*  
*dhufti turte* She used to come  
once in a while. *takka takka*  
*harreetu horii dura gala* (saying)  
Once in a while donkeys come  
home (from grazing field) before  
cattle do. [Every dog has its  
day].

**takkaa** *adv* (usu past tense) never  
*inni takkaa mana koo dhufee hin*  
*beeku* He never came to my  
house.

**takkachuu** *iv* (usu of crop)  
be/become scanty or sparse  
*boqqolloon koo na duraa takkate* My  
corn crop became scanty or  
sparse. See also *haphachuu*  
**takkee** *n* 1 (usu of crops) sparse;  
scanty; see also **filfillee** 2 Same  
as *takka takka*

**takka takka** See *takka*  
**takkatti** Same as *tokkichaan* under *tokko*  
**takkee** See *takkachuu*  
**talaala** *n* research  
**talaantaluu** Same as *dhawuu* (1)  
**talaata** Same as *kibxata*; see also *bal'oo* (2)  
**talaccee** *adj* (of humans/ plants) new born; young *mucaa talaccee* a new born baby  
**talaccuu** Same as *talaccee*  
**talbaa** *n* flax, i.e., plant or seed  
**talboojja'uu** Same as *raata'u* (2)  
**talboojjii** Same as *raatu* (2) under *raata'uu*  
**taliiga** Same as *taliiga*  
**taliiga** *n* administration; management; politics  
**taliila** See *taliiluu*  
**taliila'uu** Same as *taliiluu*  
**taliiluu** *iv* 1 (liquid, usu used of water or beer) settle, i.e., become clear as solid particles sink *bishaan taliileera* The water has become clear. 2 (used of lightning) strike or kill *waaqatu itti taliile* He was struck by lightning. See also *beekkuu/dheekkamuu* (2) **taliila** *adj* (of water) clear *bishaan taliila* clear water; cf., *boora'uu*  
**tal jechuu** *iv* eat or drink too much; be high after chewing *caatii*  
**tallisuu** *tv* fly a flag  
**taltallee** *adj* Same as *xobbee* (1)/ *talaccee*  
**tam** Same as *kam*  
**tamaagala** Same as *daagii*

**tamboo** *n* a cake of tobacco, tobacco leaf, or tobacco plant; shag; the weed  
**tamsaasuu** See *tamsa'uu*  
**tamsa'uu** *iv* disperse, scatter, or spread out, i.e., in different directions *ijoolleen akkuma na arganiin tamsa'an* The children scattered/ dispersed as soon as they saw me. *firooti koo biyya biyyatti tamsa'anii jiraatu* My relatives scatter or disperse and live in different countries.  
**tamsaasuu** *tv* 1 (usu used of grains being dried in the sun) stir (so as to spread and expose the grains) *bunni kun akka dafee gogutti ammas ammas tamsaasi* Stir and spread the coffee beans now and then so that they will dry fast. 2 scatter and disarray *diina keenya asii fi achi tamsaafne* We dispersed/ scattered our enemies and put them in disarray.  
**tamunii** Same as *taamunii*  
**tan** Same as *kan*  
**-tan**<sup>1</sup> If the verbs that end in **dhuu, fuu, kuu, luu, muu, nuu, ruu, suu, tuu** are preceded by vowel(s), for the 2<sup>nd</sup> person, pl/ honorific, past tense, **-tan** is suffixed after removing the **-uu**. e.g., (*buluu*) *eda eessa bultan?* Where did you stay last night? (*dhufuu*) *wal faana dhufan* You came/ arrived simultaneously. (*gatu*) *kittaa kana maaliif gattan* Why did you throw away this shirt?

**-tan<sup>2</sup>** If the verbs that end in **-achuu** are preceded by a vowel or vowels, for the 3<sup>rd</sup> person, pl/honorific, simple past tense, **-tan** is suffixed after removing **-chuu**. e.g., (*sodaachuu*) *nu sodaatan* They were afraid of us. (*tuffachuu*) *siif hin galle malee jarri baayy'e si tuffatan* Though you didn't realize it, they despised you very much. (*uffachuu*) *kaleessa maal uffatan?* What were they wearing yesterday?

**tana** Same as *kana*, but in some dialects *tana* is usu used with feminine gender e.g., *intala tana* this girl *gurbaa kana* this boy

**tanaa** Same as *kanaa*

**tanakaa** Same as *taanikaa*

**tanakha** Same as *taanikaa*

**tanboo** Same as *tamboo*

**-taniiruu** If a verb ends in **-achuu**, for the third person, pl., perfect tense, **-taniiru** is suffixed after removing **chuu**. e.g. (*dubbachuu*) *dubbataniiiru* They have spoken. (*argachuu*) *argataniiiru* They have got (sth). (*taphachuu*)

*taphataniiiru* They have played. (*darbachuu*) *eeboo itti darbataniiiru* They have thrown a spear at him/her/it. The long form is *dubbatanii jiru*, *argatanii jiruu*, *taphatanii jiru*, and *darbatanii jiru*.

**-taniittu** If the verbs that end in **-dhuu**, **-fuu**, **-kuu**, **-luu**, **-muu**, **-nuu**, **-ruu**, **-suu**, **-tuu** are preceded by a vowel or vowels, for the 2<sup>nd</sup> person, pl/honorific, present perfect tense, **-taniittu** is

suffixed after removing **-uu**. e.g., (*fuudhuu*) *fuutaniittu* You have taken (sth). (*urgufuu*) *urguftaniittu* You have shaken (sth). (*daakuu*) *daaktaniittu* You have swum. (*gatu*) *gattaniittu* You have thrown it away.

**tantoomuu** *tv* hit with the fist; box *na tantoome* He boxed me.

**tantoommuu** *n* fist

**-tanu** If a verb ends in **-achuu**, for the third person, pl/hon, simple present, jussive, or future tense **-tanu** is suffixed after removing **-chuu**. Verbs that end with this suffix usu take **ha** when the statement is positive and **hin** when it is negative. e.g., (*gurgurachuu*) *ha gurguratanu* Let them sell it (for self). *hin gurguratanu* They won't/don't sell it (for self). (*waaddachuu*) *ha waaddatanu* Let them fry it for self). *hin waaddatanu* They won't/don't fry it (for self).

**tapha** See *taphachuu*

**taphachiisuu** See *taphachuu*

**taphachuu** *iv*, *tv* 1 play (with), i.e., do things to pass the time pleasantly *mucaan koo cuucii oolaa wajjin taphata* My child plays with a lamb. *ijoolleen eessatti taphatti?* Where will the children play? 2 play a game *kottaa qelle taphannaa* Come, let's play hockey. 3 chat *buna dhugaa taphachaa jiru* They are chatting while drinking coffee. 4 harm, pester, or trouble sb repeatedly



*utaalloon kun natti taphate* This common cold has troubled me, i.e., by coming back repeatedly. 5 play a joke/trick on sb *jabbii haasa'utu amma dhalatee dhaqaa dhaggeeffadhaa jedhee nutti taphate* He played a joke on us by telling us to go and listen to a talking calf born just then. 6 perform, i.e., act, dance, play musical instrument, sing, etc., *awwisoon wallaggaa Finfinnee keessatti taphatanii deebi'an* The Wallaggaa company of players/singers performed in Finfinnee and returned home. **tapha** *n* 1 joke/jest; play *taphaa hin aarin* It's only a joke; don't be angry. *taphaa fani dubbadhe malee si aarsuuf miti* I said what I said only in jest/play; I didn't mean to offend you. 2 game *taphi kun maal jedhama?* What is this game called? **taphachiisuu** *tv* 1 cause to play *ijoollee asitti hin taphachiisin* Don't let the children play here. 2 keep company with sb (so as to enable him/her chat) *akka inni hin mukoofne taphachiisi* Keep him company so that he will not be bored. 3 allow or permit sb to play with one or with one's ball, etc., *kubba isaa nu taphachiise* He allowed us to play with his ball. **taphataa** *adj* (of male humans) jovial; playful **taphattuu** *adj* (of female humans) jovial; playful *intala taphattuu akkanaa eessa argate?*

Where did he find such a jovial girl (wife)?  
**taphataa** See *taphachuu*  
**taphattuu** See *taphachuu*  
**taphiisa** Same as *tapha* under *taphachuu*  
**tara** (vocative expression, usu used with animals) enter or pass  
**taraa** *n* turn, i.e., a chance or opportunity to do sth or one of a series of such opportunities given to an individual in succession or in scheduled order *taraa kee eeggadhu* Wait for your turn. **tara** **taraa** *adv* in turn *tara taraan ol seenaa* Enter in turn (not all at once).  
**taraaduu** *tv* accept, be resigned to sth or endure with equanimity because nothing can be done *abbaan du'a ilma isaa traadeera* The father has now accepted the grim realities of his son's death.  
**taraarachuu** See *taraaruu*  
**taraaramuu** See *taraaruu*  
**taraarsisuu** See *taraaruu*  
**taraaruu** *tv* cultivate the ground with a yoke of oxen and let it lie fallow **taraarachuu** *tv* cultivate the ground for self **taraaramuu** *tv* (passive; of ground) be cultivated or dressed **taraarsisuu** *tv* cause to cultivate; see also *baqaqasuu* (2) under *baqaquu*  
**tararsuu** See *tararuu*  
**tararuu** *iv* be snipped/torn *wayyaan koo ni/in tarare* My clothes are torn. **tararsuu** *tv* snip or cut, usu following a line; tear

*qoraattiin sarbaa koo tararse* A thorn scratched/cut my calf (leg). See also **tarsaasuu** under *tarsa'uu*

**tarba** Same as *tabba*

**tarii**<sup>1</sup> *adv* could be; may be; per chance, perhaps, or possibility *tarii na barbaadu* Perhaps, they are looking for me. *tarii bor deema* Perhaps he would go tomorrow.

**tarii**<sup>2</sup> *n* dik-dik; madoqua *tariin ammuma isheetti dorrobdi* (saying) A dik-dik can carry (be pregnant) only in proportion to her size [All people live within their means].

**tarkaanfacha** Same as *tarkaanfannaa* under *tarkaanfachuu*

**tarkaanfachiisuu** See *tarkaanfachuu*

**tarkaanfachuu** *iv* stride over/across sth, i.e., pass over sth in a single, long step; step over *miilla koo irra tarkaanfatee darbe* He strode over my legs and passed. **tarkaanfachiisuu** *tv* 1 cause to step over 2 cause work to progress **tarkaanfannaa** *n* stepping over **tarkaanfataa** *adj* (masc) progressive **tarkaanfatamuu** *tv* 1 be tridden/tepped over 2 forget to give sb his/her share of what is being divided equally; skip, i.e., disregard or omit what intervenes *maqaaan koo ni/in tarkaanfatame* My name is skipped, e.g., while calling the roll. **tarkaanfattuu** *adj* (female) progressive **tarkaanfii** *n* a stride

*tarkaanfii tokkoon bishaan ceye* He crossed the stream with one stride.

**tarkaanfannaa** See *tarkaanfachuu*  
**tarkaanfata** Same as *tarkaanfannaa* under *tarkaanfachuu*

**tarkaanfataa** See *tarkaanfachuu*

**tarkaanfatamuu** See *tarkaanfachuu*

**tarkaanfattuu** See *tarkaanfachuu*

**tarkaanfii** See *tarkaanfachuu*

**tarraacaa** Same as *gabaabaa*

**tarree** See *tarreessuu*

**tarree buusuu** Same as *tarreessuu*

**tarree kaawuu** Same as *tarreessuu*

**tarree naquu** Same as *tarreessuu*

**tarreessuu** *tv* arrange, plant, plow, put, etc. in a line/row *ilkaan isee waan tarreessanii dhaaban fakkaata* Her teeth resemble something care-

fully aligned and planted in a row. **tarree** *n* row, i.e., number of persons or things in a line or row *tarree dhaan taa'aa* Sit in a row. *ilkaan isee tarreetti biqileef* Her teeth are in excellent alignment.

**tarreessuu** Same as *tarreessuu*

**tarrisuu** Same as *tarreessuu*

**tarsa'aa** See *tarsa'uu*

**tarsaasuu** See *tarsa'uu*

**tarsa'uu** *iv* (applies to clothes) rip, rive, or tear *atuun taphadhuu kittaana koo na duraa tarsa'e* My shirt tore while I was playing. **tarsa'aa** *adj* torn or shredded *kittaa tarsa'aa* a torn shirt **tarsaasuu** *tv* rip, rive, shred, or tear *qoraattiitu kittaa koo tarsaase* I tore my shirt on a thorn. See also *baqaquu* (1)

**tarsiimoo** *n* (usu applies to politics) strategy

**tarsiisuu** See *taruu*

**tartaruu** *tv* process/prepare warp for the loom by stretching the threads on poles placed far apart  
*qallaa tartara* He is processing warp, i.e., by unwinding and stretching before threading a loom

**tartiiba** See *tartiibuu*

**tartiiba hidhuu** Same as *tartiibuu* (1)

**tartiibuu** *tv* plot against sb  
*eenyutti tartiibaa jiru?* Whom are they plotting against? **tartiiba** *n*  
1 plot 2 order, i.e., the way a set of things is arranged or done, for instance, one thing is placed or done first, another thing second, another one third, etc. *maqaa tartiibaan galmeessi* Write the names in an alphabetical order.

**taruu** *iv* pass *namichi asiin tare* The man passed this way.

**tarsiisuu** *tv* cause to pass

**tasa** *adv* 1 completely, entirely, altogether, or never; not at all  
*tasa hin jiru barbaadeen dhabe* I looked for it, but I could not find it at all. *tasa na jibbeera* He has hated me completely. *amma ani iddoo yaada kootii gawutti tasa booddeetti hin deebi'u* I will never renege on my goal. 2 suddenly  
*atuun an isa hin argin tasa na dhaye* He hit me suddenly when I was off my guard. **tasa baduu** *iv* 1 disappear completely 2 die at a very young age before

enjoying life *atuu itti hin tolin tasa bade* He died young without enjoying life **tasa taasisuu** *tv* ruin/destroy completely without leaving any trace of sb/sth **tasa ta'uu** *iv* disappear completely without leaving any trace

**tasbii** *n* rosary beads

**tasgabbaawuu** *iv* be composed and collected; be unexcited

**tasgabii** *n* stability *nagaa fi tasgabpii* peace and stability

**tasgabii** See *tasgabbaawuu*

**tashaa** (vulgar) Same as *buqushaa*

**tasiboo** *n* typhus; see also *golfaa*

**tasiyaa** Same as *booyicha*

**tasuma** Same as *tasa* (1)

**tasumayyuu** Same as *tasa* (1)

**tattaafachuu** *iv* 1 make great efforts; strive to be free from poverty, oppression, etc.; struggle *rakkinaa bawuuf alkanii guyyaa tattaafanna* We are striving day and night to free ourselves from poverty or oppression. *tattaafannu malee waan barbaadnu hin argannu* We cannot get what we want to have unless we struggle. 2

move/walk fast *tattaafadhaa bokkaan dhufeeraa* Walk fast; it's going to rain. **tattaafataa** *n* a man who strives hard; hard-working man *ta'uuf dide malee inni tattaafataa dha* Although things do not go his way, he is a hard-working man. **tattaafattuu** *n* hard-working female/woman  
**tattaafataa** See *tattaafachuu*

**tattaafattuu** See *tattaafachuu*  
**tatakkaawuu** (used of crops in the field) Same as *haphachuu*  
**tattakkeysuu** (used of crops in the field) Same as *haphisuu*  
**ta'usimmoo** See *ta'uu*  
**ta'uu** *iv* 1 become *ilmi isaa hakiimi ta'e* His son became a doctor. *dubbiin sun dalga natti ta'e* This matter has become difficult and awkward to understand. 2 become, i.e., suited to/for; fit or suit; be convenient to be right for *kittaan kun naa hin taane* This shirt does not become me. *qilleensi biyya sanaa isaa hin taane* The climate of that country did not suit him. *inni nii fi niitiin isaa walii hin taane* He and his wife are not compatible. 3 go well/badly *barana nuu ta'eera* Things are going well for us this year. 4 be the matter with *maal taatee boossa?* What is the matter with you, why are you crying? 5 be practical, i.e., be capable of being used or put into effect *waan hin taane natti hin haasa'in* Do not suggest to me something that is not practical. 6 let it be; will do *ha'a ta'u naa kenni* That will do; give it to me. *hin ta'u; hin dhaqxu* No, you can't go. *waan ta'e illee ha ta'u hin oolu* Come what may, I will not be absent. **ta'innaa** *adv* (usu interrogative followed by *laata*) could it be *eenyutu itti hime: isa ta'innaa laata?* Who told them, could it be him? **ta'usimmoo** *adv* even then;

still *iseenis hin tolchine, ta'usimmoo atis isee rukutuu him/im balleessite* She, too, was not right, but still you shouldn't have hit her. **ta'uyyuu** *adv* 1 whatever / whoever it may be *eenyuun ta'uyyuu hin sodaadhu.* Whoever he/she may be, I am not afraid. 2 Same as *ta'usimmoo taasisuu* *tv* cause to become *gonnaatu sooressa na taasise* It is farming that made me rich.

**ta'uyyuu** See *ta'uu*  
**tawaajii** *n* guarantor  
**tawbata** Same as *kadhaa* (2) under *kadhachuu*  
**tayba** Same as *tabba*  
**tayfii** Same as *tafkii*  
**tayrii** Same as *tarii*<sup>2</sup>  
**-te**<sup>1</sup> If the verbs that end in *dhuu, fuu, kuu, luu, muu, nuu, ruu, suu, tuu* are preceded by a vowel or vowels, for the 2<sup>nd</sup> person, sing., simple past, or for the 3<sup>rd</sup> person, sing., feminine, simple past, **-te** is suffixed after removing **-uu**. (*kufuu*) *ati ni/in kufte/iseenis ni/in kufte.* You failed/She also fell. (*banuu*) *balbala maaliif bante?* Why did you/she open the door? (*buluu*) *ati asi bulte; obboleettiin keewoo eessa bulte?* You spent the night here; what about your sister, where did she spend the night? (*bituu*) *kophee haaraa naa bittee deebite* You/She bought me a new pair of shoes and went back  
**-te**<sup>2</sup> If the verbs that end in **-achuu** are preceded by a vowel

or vowels, for the 3<sup>rd</sup> person, sing., masculine, simple past, **-te** is suffixed after removing **-chuu**. (*dubbachuu*) *kalessa isatu dubbate* He was the one who spoke yesterday.) (*fudhachuu*) *kubba koo isatu na duraa fudhate* He was the one who took my ball. (*furdachuu*) *eessatti akkana furdate?* Where did he become so fat?

**tee** Same as *kee*, but in some dialects only *tee* is used with the 2<sup>nd</sup> person, sing., feminine. In other dialects *kee* is used for both masculine and feminine.

**teeba** Same as *teepha*

**teellaa** *adv* 1 behind, i.e., in the rear *teellaatti hafte* He/She fell/lagged behind. 2 later on *teellaa deebi'i* Come back later on.

**teemma'uu** *tv* cause to black out, lose consciousness, or faint temporarily *maaltu na teemma'e?* What made me blackout?

**teemmoo** *n* blackout; faint *muca kana teemmoo maaliitu tuqe?* What made this child faint?

**teemmoo** See *teemma'uu*

**teemsaa** Same as *funyoo*

**teenna** Same as *keenya*

**teenya** Same as *keenya*

**teepha** *n* leather strap *usu* used for fastening things together or for keeping loads on the backs of pack animals in place or stay put *teepha hagu* *tv* defecate for too long at one sitting *ammayyuu hin findhee maal teepha hagdaa?* Are

you still at it, i.e., still defecating?

**teer'ee** *adj* skinny and weak  
**teessan** (used when addressing feminine, pl.) Same as *keessan*  
**teessisuu** See *taa'uu*

**teessoo** See *taa'uu*

**teessuma** *n* furniture on which people sit, e.g., stool/chair

**-teetta** If the verbs that end in **dhuu, fuu, kuu, luu, muu, nuu, ruu, suu, tuu** are preceded by a vowel or vowels, for the 2<sup>nd</sup> person, sing., present perfect tense, **-teetta** is suffixed after removing **-uu**. e.g., (*beekuu*) *ati beekteetta* (short form of *beekteee jirta*) You have known it. (*rafuu*) *ati rafteetta/raftee jirta* You have slept. (*ganuu*) *ati nu ganteetta* or *gantee jirta* You have betrayed us. (*boqotuu*) *ati boqotteetta, si gaya* Enough, you have rested.

**-teetti** If the verbs that end in **dhuu, fuu, kuu, luu, muu, nuu, ruu, suu, tuu** are preceded by a vowel or vowels, for the 3<sup>rd</sup> person, sing., feminine, present perfect tense, **-teetti** is suffixed after removing **-uu**. e.g., (*affeeluu*) *dinnicha affeelteetti/ affeeltee jirti* She has boiled the potatoes. (*aaruu*) *baay'ee aarteetti (artee jirti)* She has become very angry. (*buusuu*) *farsoo si buusteetti/buustee jirti* She has poured you beer. (*asaasuu*) *waan iseen jettee an hin dhageenye malee itti asaasteetti/asaastee jirti* I haven't heard what she said, but

she has whispered in his/her/their ear/ears. (*dutuu*) *ka'aa sareen dutteetti* Get up, a dog has barked. Incidentally, in the case of the verbs that end in *-suu*, it is possible to use either *"-s"* or *"-f"* in the derivatives. e.g., *asaasteetti/asaafteetti*. (*raasuu*) *raasteetti* or *raafteetti* She has shaken it. (*dubbisuu*) *dubbisteetti* or *dubbipteetti* She has read it.

**teeyrii** Same as *kuruphee*

**teeysan** Same as *teessan*

**teeysoo** Same as *teessoo* under *taa'uu*

**teeysuma** Same as *teessuma*

**teggaasisuu** See *tegga'uu*

**tegga'uu** *tv* support or prop sth up and keep it in place *manni kun jiguufi*; *tegga'i yookaan diigi* This hut is about to collapse; either prop it up or demolish it altogether. **teggaasisuu** *tv* cause to support/propteggoo *n* prop *teggoo mukaa isa baallaa qabun barbaada* I want a bifurcated, wooden prop.

**teggoo** See *tegga'uu*

**teyrii** Same as *kuruphee*

**-ti**<sup>1</sup> If the verbs that end in *dhuu*, *fuu*, *kuu*, *luu*, *muu*, *nuu*, *ruu*, *suu*, *tuu* are preceded by a vowel or vowels, for the 3<sup>rd</sup> person, sing., feminine, present or future tense, **-ti** is suffixed after removing *-uu*. e.g. (*haadhuu*) *indaaqqoon mana haati* Hens scratch the floor. (*dhufuu*) *obboleettiin koo bor dhufi* My sister will come tomorrow. *gaaf*

*hundumaa nu bira bulti* She always spends the night with us. (*deemuu*) *Gimbii yoom deemti?* When is she going to Gimbii? (*galuu*) *Har'a moo bor galti?* Is she coming home today or tomorrow? (*sassatuu*) *baay'ee sassati* She is very miserly.

**-ti**<sup>2</sup> Suffixed to some nouns, pronouns, or possessive pronouns, it indicates possession *kan eenyuuti?* Whose is it? *kan kooti/kan keeti/kan iseeti/kan isaati/kan jaraati/kan mucaati/kan Gamtaati* It's mine/it's yours/it's hers/it's his/it's theirs/it's the child's/it's Gamtaa's. *kun muka manaati* This wood is for building a house. N.B. The vowel that precedes **-ti** is long.

**-ti**<sup>3</sup> If the nouns that end in *-fa* or *-ka* are preceded by a vowel, **-ti**, **-ni**, or **-i** is suffixed to change the noun into a subject form.

Object

Subject

*bifa* (looks)

*bifti/bifni/bifi*

*lafa* (land)

*afti/lafni/lafi*

*muka* e.g., [object] *muka mure*

(He cut a tree) [subject] *mukti / mukni/muki kun dheeraa dha* This tree is tall.

**-tii** <sup>1</sup> If the verbs that end in *dhuu*, *fuu*, *kuu*, *luu*, *muu*, *nuu*, *ruu*, *suu* are preceded by a vowel or vowels, for the 3<sup>rd</sup> person, feminine, sing. **-tii** is suffixed, and it is used for asking questions that usu require "yes" or "no" answers. *haati kee bor dhuftii?* Is your mother coming

tomorrow? *intalli kee ni/in raf tii?* cf., *har'a deemti* She is leaving today. *har'a deemtii?* Is she leaving today? **2** It also means "from" or "for" *mana hidhaatii har'a baye* He was released from prison today. *ilma isaatii sangaa lama bite* He bought two oxen for his son.

**tibba** *adv* point of time or the usual time when sth occurs *daljeessi tibba kam dhufa?* What is the usual time for the baboons to come out? *tibbi hattuun dhufu alkan waarii dhaa eeggadhu* The usual time for thieves to come is midnight, so be vigilant. **tibba tibba** Same as *takka takka* under *takka*

**tibjaawuu** Same as *dogoggoruu*  
**tic** an expression used to chase away a goat

**tiiba** See *tiiba'uu*

**tiiba'uu** *iv* be big/large *sa'i marga quuftee garaan tiibba'e* The cattle ate so much grass that their stomachs bulged. **tiiba** *adj* big; large *garaa tiiba* a large stomach  
**tiibbaa** *adj* big and fat in a pleasant way

**tiiffee** See *tiifuu*

**tiifuu**<sup>1</sup> *iv* drizzle, mist, mizzle, or shower *har'a tiifaa oole* It has been drizzling, misting, mizzling or showering all day. **tiiffee** *n* drizzle, mizzle, or shower *tiiffee dha malee bokkaa hamaa miti* It's only a drizzle/shower; it's not a heavy rain.

**tiifuu**<sup>2</sup> Same as *tiiffee* under *tiifuu*<sup>1</sup>

**tiinii** *n* edible cactus fruit

**tiira** Same as *tiruu* (1)

**tiisisa** Same as *tisiisa*

**tiiticha** Same as *tisiisa*

**tiysitee** *n* **1** Same as *tiksituu* under *tiksuu* **2** a kind of bird

**tika** See *tiksuu*

**tikee** See *tiksuu*

**tikfachu** See *tiksuu*

**tiksachu** Same as *tikfachu* under *tiksuu*

**tiksee** See *tiksuu*

**tiksiifachu** See *tiksuu*

**tiksiisuu** See *tiksuu*

**tiksitu** See *tiksuu*

**tiksuu** *tv* look after, pasture, shepherd, or tend animals, usu after herding them into a pasture to graze *sa'a tiksa* He tends cattle. **tika** *n* animal tending *sa'a tika deeme* He went out to tend cattle. **tikee** *n* shepherd; see also *tiksitu* below **tikfachu** *tv* look after or pasture animals for self *horii kee tikfadhu* Look after your animals for self. **tiksee** *n* **1** an animal given to a cattle tender or shepherd as a price for tending or looking after animals over a period of time *jabbiin kun tiksee keeti* This calf is your reward/price for tending animals/ cattle **2** shepherd **tiksiifachu** *tv* cause to tend cattle for self **tiksiisuu** *tv* cause to tend/pasture animals *sa'a isaa tola na tiksii* He made me look after his cattle free, i.e., without

paying me. **tiksituu** *n* cattle tender or shepherd

**tilmaamuu** *iv* 1 appraise; assess, i.e., estimate the amount of money that something is worth *mee amma sangaan kun baasu naa tilmaamaa* Please assess for me the amount of money this ox is worth. 2 plan, i.e., decide in detail what is to be done and how it is done before doing it *waan hojjatamuu osoo sirriitti hin tilmaamin hojjachuu jalqabuun gaarii miti* It is not productive to begin to do something without proper planning **tilmii** *n* plan; vision or foresight, i.e., the act of anticipating sth which will or may come to be; see also *karoora* under *karooruu*

**tilmii** See *tilmaamuu*

**timmuu** Same as *tilmaamuu*

**tima** See *timuu*

**timaatim** Same as *timaatimii*

**timaatimii** *n* tomato, i.e., fruit or plant

**timboo** Same as *tamboo*

**timfa** *n* close call, i.e., a narrow escape from danger *makiinaan isa ajjeesee oole; timfa jalaa baye* A car almost killed him; he escaped by a narrow margin.

**timjii** *n* 1 border or boundary *timjiin lafa keenyaa fi lafa jaraa muka kana* This tree serves as a line of demarcation between our land and theirs. See also *daangaa* (2) 2 social class *timjii dafqaan bulaa* working class

**timsuu** Same as *bittimsuu*

**timuu** *iv* jostle, shove, or thrust, i.e., make one's way by pushing others very hard **tima** *n* 1 mass of mud that slides down when there is a heavy rain 2 jostling, shoving, or thrusting, i.e., making one's way by pushing others hard

**tin** If a verb ends in **-achuu**, for the 2<sup>nd</sup> person, sing, negative, command, **-tin** is suffixed after removing **-chuu**. Of course, the negative marker **hin** must always precede the verb that ends in **-tin**. e.g., (*taphachuu*) *asitti hin taphatin* Don't play here. (*bitachuu*) *kana hin bitatin* Don't buy this for yourself. (*tuffachuu*) *hin tuffatin* Don't despise it. (*rakkachuu*) *anaa jettee hin rakkatin*. Don't inconvenience yourself for my sake.

**tin'isuu** Same as *tegga'uu/ degga'uu*

**-tinaa** If a verb ends in **-achuu**, for the 2<sup>nd</sup> person, pl/honorific, negative, command, **-tinaa** is suffixed after removing **-chuu**. Of course, the negative marker **hin** must always precede the verb that ends in **-tinaa**. e.g., (*baachuu*) *mucaa gateettiitti hin baatinaa* Don't carry the child on your shoulders. (*kaachuu*) *hin kaatinaa* Don't run. (*sodaachuu*) *sareen kun nama hin ciniinuu isa hin sodaatinaa* This dog does not bite people, so don't be afraid of him.

**tinfa** Same as *timfa*



**tinfi** Same as *bicuu*

**tinfoo** Same as **cugqaaluu** (1); see also *duuchuu* (1) under *duuduu*<sup>1</sup>

**tinjii** Same as *timjii*

**tiqirtii** Same as *ciqirtii*

**tirachuu** *iv* amble, plod, or trudge, i.e., walk slowly, usu as a result of exhaustion (weary) or illness *atuman dadhabuun tiradhee asi gaye* I walked slowly and wearily and managed to reach here. **tirannaa** *n* trudge, i.e., walking very slowly because of exhaustion or illness *tirannaa dhaanin asi gaye* I reached here by walking very slowly (because I'm sick or tired). **tirsuu** *tv* cause to amble, plod, or trudge by accompanying *na tirsee na fide* He accompanied me while I plodded along the way and brought me here.

**tirannaa** See *tirachuu*

**tirgii** Same as *kuruphee*

**tirika** Same as *baatrii*

**tiringoo** Same as *turungoo*

**tirmaa** *n* dowry, present, or gift, usu cattle that a bride takes to her new home *abbaan isee tirmaa ameessa lama keenneefii eerumsiise* Her father gave her two cows and married her off.

**tirrisuu** *iv* (used of heart or fontanel) beat or pulsate *onneen ni/in tirrisa* The heart beats. See also *dhikkifachuu* (2)

**tirsuu** See *tirachuu*

**tirtiraa** *n* sore or wound *tirtiraa harree* a donkey's sore

**tir tir jechuu** Same as *tirrisuu*

**tiruu** *n* 1 liver *tiruun bubbultee lafee taati* (saying) If left unused for too long, a liver becomes as tough as a bone [doing things at the right time]. 2 brother or sister, usu used as a term of endearment in addressing or referring to one's brother or sister *tiruu koo adaraa nan (na hin) gatin* Please do not neglect/forget me, dear brother/sister.

**tisiisa** fly *tisiisi dhukkuba fida* Flies carry disease. *tisiisi mana bulee kaniisi ala bule* (saying) Flies spend the night inside a house while bees stay outside [the irony of life; unfair or undeserved reward].

**tissuu** Same as *tiksuu*

**titiicha** Same as *titiisa*

**titiisa** Same as *tisiisaa*

**tittima** See *tittimuu*

**tittimuu** *iv* wobble, walk unsteadily, usu in the dark, because one cannot see ahead clearly *dukana keessa tittimuu manna ifaan deemuu wayya* It is better to walk during the day instead of wobbling at night when it is dark. **tittima** *n* wobbling or walking unsteadily

**tiyya** Same as *kiyya*; see also *kooti*

**to'achiisuu** Same as *toowachiisuu* under *toowachuu*

**to'achuu** Same as *toowachuu*

**to'annaa** Same as *toowannaa* under *toowachuu*

**to'atamuu** Same as *toowatamuu* under *toowachuu*

**tochee** *n* a kind of worm  
**tochoosuu** Same as *sochoosuu*  
under *socho'uu*  
**tocho'uu** Same as *socho'uu*  
**toftaa** Same as *tooftaa*  
**togaa** *n* cross, i.e., any emblem  
that resembles Latin or Greek  
cross  
**togoogoo** *n* storage bin; see also  
*gumbii* (1)  
**tohachiisuu** Same as *toowachiisuu*  
under *toowachuu*  
**tohachuu** Same as *toowachuu*  
**tohannaa** Same as *toowannaa*  
under *toowachuu*  
**tohatamuu** Same as *toowatamuu*  
under *toowachuu*  
**tokka'uu** (used of *qaccee*) Same as  
*xaaxa'uu*  
**tokkee** *n* a small basket  
**tokkicha** See *tokko*  
**tokkichaan** See *tokko*  
**tokkichumaan** Same as *tokkichaan*  
under *tokko*  
**tokkichummaa** Same as  
*tokkummaa* under *tokko*  
**tokkittii** See *tokko*  
**tokko** *adj, n, pron* 1 *a/an*; one (1)  
*sangaa tokko an/one ox dhibba*  
*tokko fi shantama* one hundred  
and fifty 2 when used twice in a  
sentence, the second means the  
other one *tokko kooti tokko kan*  
*iseeti* One is mine, and the other  
one is hers. *tokko dhiira tokko*  
*dubartii dha* One is male, and the  
other one is female. *tokko tokkoo fi*  
*laatte* *tokko beelessuu hin*  
*dandeessu* You can't feed one,  
and let the other one go hungry.

3 (usu takes *waan/umaa*;  
negative) anything *ani waan/*  
*umaa tokko hin barbaadu* I don't  
want anything. 4 (usu takes  
*waan*; positive) something *kottuu*  
*waan tokko ilaali* Come and see  
something. 5 same *yaadi keetii fi*  
*yaadi koo tokko* You and I have  
the same idea. 6 "some man";  
"some woman"; a person;  
someone *namichi tokko si barbaada*  
*ture* Someone "some man" or a  
man was looking for you.  
*dubartii tokkotu asiin darbe*  
Someone "some woman" or a  
woman passed this way. *mucaa*  
*tokkotu bade* A child was lost. 7  
(takes *gadhee* and it is used to  
intensify an adjective) very;  
really *farsoo gadhee tokko naa*  
*kennite* She gave me very bad  
beer. *namicha gadhee tokko* a very  
bad man **tokkee** *adj* single; one  
*haadhoo indaaqqoo isaa tokkeetu jala*  
*jira* His hen is left with a single  
chick. *ija tokkee* one-eyed  
**tokkicha** *adj, n* 1 same *al tokkicha*  
*manaa baane* We left home at the  
same time. *yaadi keenya tokkicha*  
Our idea/position is the same. 2  
(of male) only one *ilma tokkicha*  
*qaba* He has only one son.  
**tokkichaan** *adv* at once,  
immediately, or instantly *fardaan*  
*tokkichaan achi geenye* We arrived  
there on horseback at once.  
**tokkittii** *adj, n* (of female;  
diminutive) only one *intala*  
*tokkittii qaba* He has only one  
daughter. *anqaaquu tokkittii naa*

*kennite* She gave me only one (little) egg. **tokkoffaa** *adj* first *tokkoffaa baate* She became first. **tokkoon** *prep* 1 for one, i.e., at the price of one unit of money *kormaa kana birri tokkoon bitadhu* Buy this cock for one birr. 2 at one o'clock *sa'aatii tokkoon dhufe* He came at one o'clock. 3 in one hour *sa'aatii tokkoon asi gaye* He reached her in one hour. *Buree ka'ee guyyaa tokkoon Goreetti gale* He set out from Bure and arrived in Gore in oneday. **tokko tokko/ tokkoo tokko** *pron* some *namni tokoo tokko/tokkoo tokko gowwaa dha* Some people are foolish/stupid. **tokko tokkoon** *adv* 1 one by one *maaliif sodaattu?* *tokko tokkoon gadi naa bayaa.* Why are you afraid! Come out one by one (and I will show you)! 2 for one each *birri tokko tokkoon natti gurguri* Sell them to me for one birr each. **tokkotti** *prep* at/ for *kana birri tokkotti gurgur* Sell this for one birr *bor sa'aatii tokkotti wal argina* We will meet at 1 o'clock tomorrow. **tokkuma** *adj* 1 one and the same; no difference *jarri tokkuma; namaa hin nayanu* They are one and the same; they don't care about other people. 2 just one *tokkuma yoo naa kennite na gayaa* If you give me just one, it will be enough. **tokkummaa** *n* unity; solidarity *tokkummaa dhabnaan diina keenya moowuu hin*

*dandeenyu.* If we lack solidarity, we cannot defeat our enemies. **tokkoffaa** See *tokko*  
**tokkooma** Same as *tokkummaa* under *tokko*  
**tokkoon** See *tokko*  
**tokkosuu** *iv, tv* fire or shoot, i.e., with an arrow, gun, rifle, revolver, etc. *rasaasa lama itti tokkose* He fired two bullets at him. *qawween kee akka gaariitti ni/in tokkosaa?* Does your gun shoot properly or straight? See also *dhukaasuu*  
**tokko tokko** See *tokko*  
**tokko tokkoon** See *tokko*  
**tokkotti** See *tokko*  
**tokkuma** See *tokko*  
**tokkummaa** See *tokko*  
**tola** *adv* free, i.e., without charge or payment *jarri tola sii kennuu?* Will they give it to you free? **tola fuudhuu** *iv* 1 get sth or a wife free, i.e., without paying any dowary, for example, *intala koo tola fuudhe* He married my daughter without paying dowary. 2 (of animals) be pregnant *sa'i koo tola fuuteetti* My cow has become pregnant. See also *rimaa fuuchuu/qabachuu* under *rimaawuu*  
**tola tolaan duuba** *n* gift or present for which the person who made the present initially does not receive any credit or gratitude for; instead, the 2<sup>nd</sup> party that gives it away is thanked.  
**tolcha** See *tolchuu*  
**tolchaa** See *tolchuu*

**tolchisiisuu** See *tolchuu*

**tolchituu** See *tolchuu*

**tolchuu** *tv* 1 make, i.e., form or shape from material *barcuma koo isatu na tolche* He was the one who made my chair/stool. 2 make/bake bread; prepare sauce *buddeena tolchiti* She is baking bread. *waxii tolchiteettit?* Has she prepared sauce? 3 (usu used in expressions of approval or disapproval) make the right decision or take the right action; bravo/well done! *intolchan бага diina isaanii mancaasan* Well done! I am glad they annihilated their enemies. *intolche бага ситти агарсиисуу диде* Well done, I am glad that he refused to show it to you. *jarris nama qulqulluu hidhuu hin tolchine* They, too, did not do the right thing in jailing an innocent person. *intolchitan бага ганаман дхуфтан* Excellent! I am glad that you came early in the morning. *ishoo ilma koo intolchite бага isa kabalte* Well done my son! I am glad you slapped him. 4 repair; make sth right; make sth look beautiful *makiinaan koo na duraa cabe; dafii kottuu naa tolchi* My car is broken down; come immediately and repair it for me. 5 Same as *tolfachuu* (2) below **tolcha** *n* making sth; baking *buddeena tolcha hin jaal'attu* She doesn't like baking bread. **tolchaa** *n* charm, magic, casting a spell on sb, withcraft, usu for evil purposes *tolchaa*

*dhaan boqqolloo koo na duraa balleessan* They destroyed my corn crop with their witchcraft.

**tolchisiisuu** *tv* cause to make/bake *barcuma isee na tolchisiifte* She made me make a chair for her. *buddeena na tolchisiifti* She is making me bake bread. **tolchituu** *n* (persons) 1 repairer; baker 2 sorcerer *tolchituu kun maaliif boqqolloo koo keessa deema?* Why is this sorcerer walking in my corn crop? **tolfachuu** *tv* bake, make, or prepare bread/sauce for self *buddeena tolfattee nyaatte* She baked bread for self and ate it. 2 cast evil spell on sb/sth *sa'a kootti tolfate* He cast evil spell on my cattle. **tolfamuu** *tv* (passive) be made or be baked *buddeenni tolfamee?* Is bread baked? **tolina** *n* benevolence; kindness *tolina isaatii jettee isa jaal'atti malee qabeenya isaatiif miti*. She loves him for his benevolence, not for his wealth.

**tole** 1 an expression that means OK/O.K./okay; all right/alright, i.e., indicates that one agrees to a suggestion or an arrangement made by sb Speaker A: *anii fi ati bor gabaa wajjin deemna* You and I will go to the market tomorrow. Speaker B: *tole* All right. 2 an expression used by a listener to indicate that he/she is following what is being said or to encourage the speaker to continue Speaker A: *ati intala*

*gaarii, intala bareedduu dha jedheen*  
 I said to her, "You are a good,  
 beautiful girl." Speaker B: *tole,*  
*iseeni ammoo maal siin jette?* Yes,  
 go on, and what did she say to  
 you?  
**tolfachuu** See *tolchuu* and *toluu*  
**tolfamuu** See *tolchuu*  
**tolfata** Same as *tolchaa* under  
*tolchuu*  
**tolina** See *tolchuu*  
**tolloo** *adj, adv* **1** all alone *mucaan*  
*xinnoon kun qobaa tolloo dhufe*  
 This little child came all alone.  
*tolloo isaa jiraata* He lives all  
 alone. **2** Same as *filaa*<sup>2</sup>(1)  
**tolonkaa** *adj* usu of a man who is  
 very tall in an unpleasant way  
**toluu** *iv* **1** (usu used of crop)  
 become good or successful  
*boqqolloon koo barana naa toleera*  
 My corn crop has become  
 successful this year. **2** be content,  
 happy, or be satisfied with what  
 one has; fare or go well for sb  
*ojiin koo natti toleera* I am content  
 with my present job. *haasaan isaa*  
*natti hin tolle* I am not pleased  
 with what he said. *awuun achi*  
*jiru natti tolee ture* Everything  
 fared well (went well) for me  
 when I was there. *milkiin koo naa*  
*hin tolle* My luck did not go well  
 for me. **3** (usu negative) feel well  
*har'a natti hin tolle, utaalloon na*  
*qabuufii laata?* I'm not feeling  
 well today, am I going to catch a  
 cold? **tolfachuu** *iv* make  
 everything go well for self *ofiif*  
*tolfateera namaa hin yaadu malee*

He has made everything go well  
 for himself, but he does not care  
 about others.

**too** Same as *koo*<sup>1</sup>

**too'achiisuu** Same as *toowachiisuu*  
 under *toowachuu*

**too'achuu** Same as *toowachuu*

**too'amuu**<sup>1</sup> Same as *toowatamuu*  
 under *toowachuu*

**too'amuu**<sup>2</sup> Same as *toohamuu*  
 under *toohachuu*<sup>2</sup>

**too'annaa** Same as *toowannaa*  
 under *toowachuu*

**too'atamuu** Same as *toowatamuu*  
 under *toowachuu*

**tooba**<sup>1</sup> Same as *kutaa*<sup>2</sup>

**tooba**<sup>2</sup> See *toobbachuu*

**toobbachuu** *iv* vow never to  
 return to one's old habit  
*dhugaatiis sijaaraa xuuxuus*  
*toobbadheera* I have vowed never  
 to drink alcoholic beverages and  
 never to smoke again. **tooba** *adv*  
 never *gaaritti yaa sijaaraa tooba*  
*lammata si hin xuuxuu* Good bye  
 cigarette, I shall never smoke  
 you again.

**toofa** Same as *okkotee*

**tooftaa** *n* tactics, i.e., plans or  
 methods intended to get a  
 desired result *osoo kaayyoo ofii*  
*irraa hin magin, tooftaa dhaan*  
*ojjachaa diina moowu.* Without  
 compromising one's major goal,  
 one has to use tactics to defeat  
 an enemy.

**toohachiisuu** Same as  
*toowachiisuu* under *toowachuu*

**toohachuu**<sup>1</sup> Same as *toowachuu*

**toohachuu**<sup>2</sup> See *toohuu*

**toohamuu**<sup>1</sup> Same as *toowamuu*  
under *toowachuu*

**toohamuu**<sup>2</sup> See *toohachuu*<sup>2</sup>

**toohannaa** Same as *toowannaa*  
under *toowachuu*

**toohatamuu** Same as *toowatamuu*

**toohuu** *tv* draw water, usu from a well or water-hole, fill a bucket, and relay it usu to a watering trough from which animals drink *bidirutti bishaan toohutti jiru* They are filling the watering trough. **toohachuu** *tv* draw water, usu from a well, fill a container, and relay it usu to a watering trough from which animals drink (for self) *bidiruutti bishaan toohachaa jiru* They are filling the watering trough for self. **toohamuu** *tv* (passive) [of water from a well] be drawn and relayed to a watering trough; see also *waraabuu* (1)

**tookee** See *tokko*

**tool'oo** Same as *toolloo*

**toolloo** Same as *goolloo*<sup>2</sup>

**toomaa** Same as *muka moonnye*  
under *muka*

**toomaa-bashoo** *n* a kind of tree

**toora** *adv, n* row, usu row of corn grains on a corncob *boqqolloo toora lamaan tokkoo falfalii indaaqgootti darbadhu* Shuck about two rows of corn grains (from a corncob) and give them to the chicken. See also *tarree* under *tarreessuu*? **toorana/toora kana** *adv* in this vicinity *daljeessi toorana jiraa dhaqaa midhaan toowadhaa* There are baboons in

this vicinity, so go and see the crop. *namichi ani takkaa argee hin beekne tokko toora kanaa maal godha?* What is a strange man I have never seen before doing in this vicinity. See also *naannoo* (1) under *naanna'uu*

**toorana** See *toora*

**toorba** Same as *torba*

**toosh** (an expression used with donkeys, horses, or mules) slow down, stop, or don't move

**toowachiisuu** See *toowachuu*

**toowachuu** *tv* 1 note, notice, look, or watch carefully *akka inni itti ojjatu toowadhu* Watch how he does it (so that you can learn how to do it yourself). 2 check or see *sa'a toowatteettaa?* Have you seen the cattle, i.e., have you checked if they are grazing where they are supposed to? **toowachiisuu** *tv* cause to see, watch, or watch **toowannaa** *n* checking, seeing, or watching *sa'a toowannaa ala baye* He is out checking the cattle. **toowatamuu** *tv* (passive) be checked or be inspected *ojiin kee bor toowatamaa ofi hin dagatin* Your job will be inspected tomorrow, so don't be caught off guard.

**toowannaa** See *toowachuu*

**toowata** Same as *toowannaa* under *toowachuu*

**toowuu** *iv, tv* 1 drain away/off, usu flood from one's room *lolaa mana seene gadi toowi* Drain away the flood (from the room). 2 wet

*funyootti bishaan toowe* He wetted the rope.

**toph** (expression, usu used with horses) go; move

**torba** *adj*, *n* seven (7) *ijollee torba qaba* He has seven children.

**torba torbaan** *adv*, *prep* in bundles of seven; at/ for seven *torba torbaan lakkaayi* Count it in sevens *torba torbaan bite* He bought each of them for seven unit of money. **torbaan** *prep* for seven *qarshii torbaan natti gurguri* Sell it to me for seven birri

**torbaatama** *adj*, *n* seventy (70) *sangaan kun qarshii torbaatama ni/in baasaa sitti fakkaataa?* Do you think this ox is worth seventy birri? **torbaatama torbaatamaan**

*adv* in seventy's; for seventy each *dibicha afuran kana yoo torbaatama torbaatamaan gurgurte nan bita* If you sell these four young bulls for seventy birr each, I will buy them. **torbaatamaan** *prep* for seventy birri *torbaatamaan biti* Buy it for seventy birri **torbaatamaffaa** *adj* seventieth (70<sup>th</sup>) **torbaataman** *adv* (takes tokko) about seventy *sangaa isa kanaaf birri torbaataman tokko siin kenna* I will pay you about seventy birr for this ox.

**torbaatamatti** *prep* for seventy *sangaa isee birrii torbaatamatti gurgurte* She sold her ox for seventy birri **torbaatamii** *adj* used when counting from seventy-one to seventy-nine *torbaatamii torba* seventy-seven

(77) **torbaffaa** *adj*, *n* seventh (7<sup>th</sup>) *daadhiin kun torbaffaa kooti*. This is my seventh glass of mead.

**torban** *n*, *prep* 1 week, i.e., a period of seven days *torban har'aan dhufa* I will come a week from today. 2 about seven *mee birr torban tokko naa liqeessi* Please lend me about seven birr. **torban darbee** *adv* last week *torban darbe du'e* He died a week ago **torban dhufu** next week *torban dhufu kottu* Come next week. **torba torbaan** *adv* in seven's; for seven each *birri torba torbaan naa bitte* She bought me these for seven birri each. **torban torbaniin** *adv* weekly *torban torbaniin dhufti* She comes weekly.

**torbaan darbe** Same as *torban darbee* under *torba*

**torbaanqabaa** *n* frog believed to have seven claws/nails

**torbaatama** See *torba*

**torbaatamaffaa** See *torba*

**torbaatamii** See *torba*

**torbaffaa** See *torba*

**torban** See *torba*

**torbee** Same as *torban* (1) under *torba*

**torbee torbee** Same as *torban torbaniin* under *torba*

**torbii** *n* constellation, i.e., a group of stars in the sky that seem to move together

**torida** *n* sword

**tortoraa** See *tortoruu*

**tortorsuu** See *tortoruu*

**tortortuu** See *tortoruu*

**tortoruu** *iv* 1 (usu used of fruits, grains, plants, teeth, vegetables, etc.) be putrid, decay, go bad, decompose, molder, putrefy, rot, or spoil *jirmi kun tortoreera* This log has rotten/moldered. 2 get soaked through, be soaked/get wet to the skin, or be wet through *kittaan koo tortoreera* My shirt is wet through. **tortoraa** *adj* 1 putrid or rotten *boqqolloo tortoraa* rotten corn 2 (fig) [of males] dirty or filthy *namichi tortoraan kun maal barbaada?* What does this filthy man want?

**tortorsuu** *tv* 1 cause to rot *boqqolloo kana raammotu tortorse* Worms made this corn rot. 2 (usu used of rain) cause to be wet; drench *bokkaan kaleessaa na tortorse* Yesterday's rain made me wet to the skin. **tortortuu** *adj* (of persons) dirty or filthy *intala tortortuu* filthy girl

**totocho'uu** Same as *sosoch'o'uu*

**totalchuu** *tv* beautify, groom, or straighten, i.e., arrange or adjust sth so that it is neat, tidy, and pleasant to look at *hiryoota koo wajjinin dhufaa mana totalchii qophaayii na eegi* I will come with my friends, so make the house neat and wait for me. **totalfachuu** *tv* make neat and tidy for self

**totalfachuu** See *totalchuu*

**totorra'uu** Same as *dulloomu*

**tottolchuu** Same as *totalchuu*

**tottolfachuu** Same as *totalfachuu* under *totalchuu*

**tottoraa** Same as *tortoraa* under *tortoruu*

**tottortuu** Same as *tortortuu* under *tortoruu*

**tottoruu** Same as *tortoruu*

**towbachuu** Same as *kadhachuu* (3)

**towbata** Same as *kadhaa* (2) under *kadhachuu*

**-tta** If a verb ends in **-achuu**, for the 2<sup>nd</sup> person, sing., masculine, future/simple present tense, **-tta** is suffixed after removing **-uu**. e.g. (*dubbachuu*) *ati bor dubbatta* You will speak (i.e., give a talk) tomorrow. (*taphachuu*) *gaaf hundumaa maaliif asitti taphatta* Why do you play here all the time? (*jabaachuu*) *yoo ispoortii ojjaatte ni/in jabaatta* If you exercise you will be strong.

**-ttan** If a verb ends in **-achuu**, for the 2<sup>nd</sup> person, pl/honorific, simple past tense, **-ttan** is suffixed after removing **-uu**. e.g., (*uffachuu*) *kaleessa kittaa isa kana uffattan* You wore this shirt yesterday. (*keeyachuu*) *kiisii kessa keeyattan* You put it in your pocket.

**-ttaniittuu** If a verb ends in **-achuu**, for the 2<sup>nd</sup> person, pl/honorific, present perfect tense, **-ttaniittuu** is suffixed after removing **-uu**. e.g., (*barsiifachuu*) *isin ilma keessan qubee barsiifattaniittu* (short form of *barsiifattanii jirtu*). You have taught your son the Oromo alphabet (for self). (*maraachuu*) *isin hundinu maraattaniittu*



(*maraattanii jirtu*) All of you have become crazy. *qopheeff-achuu*) *sannyii qopheeffattaniittuu* (*qopheeffattanii jirtu*)? Have you made the seeds ready?

**-ttanu** If a verb ends in **-achuu**, for the 2<sup>nd</sup> person, pl/honorific, **-ttanu** is suffixed after removing **-uu**. Verbs that end in this suffix express a mild command (jussive use) and take **ha** when the statement is positive and **hin** when it is negative. e.g., (*taphachuu*) *ha taphattanu* Play. *hin taphattanu* You won't play. (*yaabbachuu*) *ha yaabbattanu* You may climb *hin yaabbattanu* You won't climb. (*argachuu*) *ha argattanu* May you get it. *hin arga-ttanu* You won't get it. N.B. The **ha** + *taphattanu* pattern type is not common in this writer's dialect.

**-tte** If a verb ends in **-achuu**, for the 2<sup>nd</sup> person, sing. and for the 3<sup>rd</sup> person, sing., feminine, simple past tense, **-tte** is suffixed after removing **-uu**. e.g., (*ariifachuu*) *ati ni/in ariifatte* You were in a hurry. *iseenis ni/in ariifatte* She, too, was in a hurry. (*baqachuu*) *ati saree baqatte* You ran away from a dog. *iseen ammoo antuuta baqatte* And she ran away from mice. (*sodaachuu*) *ati saree sodaatte* You were afraid of a dog. *iseen ammoo antuuta sodaatte* And she was afraid of a mouse.

**-tteetta** If a verb ends in **-achuu**, for the 2<sup>nd</sup> person, sing., present perfect, **-tteetta** is suffixed after removing **-uu**. (*gaafachuu*) *ati na gaafatteetta* (short form for *gaafattee jirta*) You have already asked me. (*dabalachuu*) *ati farsoo dabalatteetta* (*dabalattee jirta*) You have drunk your second beer. (*fayyifachuu*) *dhirsa kee wal'aantee fayyifatteetta* (*fayyifatte jirta*) You have nursed your husband and made him recover.

**-tteetti** If a verb ends in **-achuu**, for the 3<sup>rd</sup> person, feminine, sing., present perfect, **-tteetti** is suffixed after removing **-uu**. e.g., (*gurgurachuu*) *hoolaa gurguratteetti* She has sold a sheep (so she must have money now). (*bitachuu*) *qamisii haara bitatteetti* She has bought a new dress for self. (*aaddachuu*) *mataa aaddatteetti* She has her hair shaved (*dhukkubsachuu*) *gidduu kana baay'ee dhukkubsatteetti* Recently she has been very sick.

**-tti<sup>1</sup>** If a verb ends in **-achuu**, for the 3<sup>rd</sup> person, sing, feminine, simple present or future, **-tti** is suffixed after removing **-uu**. e.g., (*argachuu*) *iseenis ni/in argatti* She, too, will get it. (*saalfachuu*) *ni/in saalfatti* She is shy. (*taphachuu*) *kubbaa miillaayyuu ni/in taphatti* She even plays football. (*sodaachuu*) *antuuta sodaatti* She fears mice.

**-tti<sup>2</sup>** When suffixed to infinitive verbs, i.e., verbs that end in **-uu**,

it indicates that the action is in progress and it is followed by **jira**, **jirta**, **jirti**, **jirtu**, or **jiru** for the: 3<sup>rd</sup> person (he), 2<sup>nd</sup> person, sing. (you), 3<sup>rd</sup> person (she), 2<sup>nd</sup> person, pl/honorific (you), and for the 3<sup>rd</sup> person, pl/honorific, respectively. e.g., *Inni*

*dubbachuutti jira* He is talking.

*Inni rafuutti jira* He is sleeping.

*Ati na arrabsuutti jirta* Your are insulting me. *mucaa kee*

*balleessuutti jirta* You are

spoiling your child. *buddeena*

*tolchuutti jirti* She is baking

bread. *buna dhuguutti jirti* She is drinking coffee. *irbaata*

*nyaachuutti jiru* They are eating

dinner. *namaa wajjin haasa'uutti*

*jiru* They are talking with someone.

**-tti<sup>3</sup>** When suffixed to some nouns or pronouns, it usu means "to sth/sb" *farda mukatti hidhii ol seeni* Tie the horse to a tree and come in. *iseetti hin himin* Don't tell her

**-tii** When suffixed to some nouns or pronouns, it indicates smallness/diminutiveness or contempt for *namichattii kanaa wajjin hin jiraadhu* I won't live with this contemptible man. *gurbattii nana cal jedhi* Be quiet, you little boy! *irsaasittii kana sii keennuu* Shall I give you this little pencil?

**-ttu** If a verb ends in **-achuu**, (a) for the 2<sup>nd</sup> person, pl/hon, present/future tense, **-ttu** is

suffixed after removing **-uu** e.g., (*dubbachuu*) *isinis ni/in dubbattu* You, too, will talk. (b) for the 3<sup>rd</sup> person, sing., feminine, it indicates a mild command (jussive) *ha/haa dubbattu isee hin dhowwinaa* Let her talk; don't try to stop her. *matuma hin dubbattu* Never, she won't speak.

**-ttuu** When suffixed to nouns or pronouns, it imeans emphtic "even" *dubbiin kun iccitii dha; ani obboleessa koottuu hin himne* This information is secret; I didn't tell it even to my own brother. *iseen mi'a isee Gamtaattuu hin kennitu* She won't give her things even to Gamta

**-tu<sup>1</sup>** If a verb ends in **-achuu**, for the 3<sup>rd</sup> person, sing., masculine, **-tu** is suffixed after removing **-uu** to indicate a mild command (jussive) e.g., (*nyaachuu*) *ha/haa nyaatu* Let him eat. *waawuu, hin nyaatu!* No he won't eat!

**-tu<sup>2</sup>** If a verb ends in **fuu**, **kuu**, **luu**, **muu**, **nuu**, **ruu**, **suu**, **tuu** for the 3<sup>rd</sup> person, sing., feminine, **tu** is suffixed after removing **-uu** to indicate a mild command (jussive), e.g., (*deemuu*) *ha/haa deemtu* Let her go. *nan du'a malee hin deemtu!* On my dead body, she won't go! (*hatuu*) *ha/haa hattu maaltu si dhibe* Let her steal, why do you care?

**-tu<sup>3</sup>** When suffixed to adjectives, nouns, or pronouns, it means "the one/ones; sb/sth who/which/that" *sangaa isa*

*diimatu bade* It is the red ox that disappeared. *jaratu na rukute* They are the ones who hit me. *Gammachuutu dhufe malee niitiin isaa hin dhufne* It was Gammachuu who came; his wife didn't come. *bofatu isee idde* It was a snake that bit her. *eenyutu iseetti hime* Who is it that told her? *isatuu kittaa naa bite* He was the one who bought me a shirt.

**tubbaa** *n* skein or bundle of cotton/woolen yarn

**tuca** See *tucuu*

**tucheeyuu** Same as *qimmiiduu* (1)

**tucoo** Same as *gabaabaa* under *gabaabbachuu*

**tucuu** *iv* 1 (usu used of shoots of certain plants) grow in a cluster or clump *qoccoon kun ni/in tuce* The shoots of this false banana have grown in clumps. 2 (usu of ants) swarm, i.e., appear or come out of a hole in large numbers *mixiin asiin ol tuca* Ants come out in large numbers out of this hole. **tuca** *n* clump, cluster, or swarm (usu of shoots of plants or ants)

**tuca mixii** *n* 1 swarm of ants 2 ant-hill

**tufa** See *tufuu*

**tufaatii** See *tufuu*

**tuffachuu** *tv* 1 consider worthless; hold in contempt; despise or look down upon; rebuff or spurn *nama tuffatti* She despises people. *ojii hin tuffatin* Don't despise any job. *ni/in tuffate fakkaata kanaaf fudhachuu dide* Perhaps he considered it worthless; that's

why he refused to take it. *nama afaan koo tuffatu anis kan isaan tuffadha* I, too, despise a language of a person who despises mine. 2 (usu takes the various forms of *dhiisuu*) ignore or overlook sb's behavior, i.e., forgive, not criticize, or punish *waan mucaan kun siin jedhe tuffadhuu dhiisi* Ignore or overlook what this child said to you. **tuffatamaa** *adj* (of male) contemptible **tuffatamtuu** (of persons) contemptible *niitii tuffatmatuu* a contemptible woman **tuffii** *n* contempt *nama tuffii baayy'isa* He indulges in holding people in contempt.

**tufamuu** See *tufuu*

**tuffannaa** Same as *tuffii* under *tuffachuu*

**tuffatamaa** See *tuffachuu*

**tuffatamtuu** See *tuffachuu*

**tuffee** (vulgar) *n* anus or rectum; see also *munnee* 2 Same as *quunxii*

**tuffii** See *tuffachuu*

**tufii<sup>1</sup>** See *tuf jechuu*

**tufii<sup>2</sup>** Same as *tufa* and *tufaatii* under *tufuu*

**tuf jechuu** *iv* wake up or get up or get out suddenly and quickly *tuf jettee irribaa kaate* She woke up suddenly and quickly. *tuf jedhee manaa baye* He left the house suddenly and quickly. **tufii** *adv* suddenly and without expectation *atuu ani hin qophaayin warri soddaa tufi na irra bayani* The in-laws came

suddenly before I had been ready. See also *tasa* (2)

**tufsiifachuu** See *tufuu*

**tufsiisuu** See *tufuu*

**tuftee** *n* 1 small hole, usu in earthenware vessels *uuroon koo tuffee qaba* There is a small hole in my jar. 2 fill for covering holes in utensils 3 wooden lid, usu for milk utensils or jars

**tufuu** *iv, tv* 1 spit at sth/on sb; expectorate *gorora natti tufe* He spat on me. 2 absolve /free/cure sb from a disease believed to have been caused by an "evil-eyed" person by making him/her "spit on" the victim *amma budaan isee nyaate itti tofutti fayyuu hin dandeessu* Until the evil-eyed person that had bewitched her spits on her, she can't recover. **tufa** *n* blessing, usu given while spitting on a palm of a person that receives the blessing *tufa naa kennee du'e* He died after giving me his blessings. **tufaatii** *n* phlegm from the throat or spittle *tufaatii isaa dhiiga qaba* His phlegm has blood in it. **tufamuu** *tv* (passive) 1 be spat 2 be hated and despised *eega kaayyoo saba isaa ganee booda hedduu tufame* He has been hated and despised very much ever since he betrayed the cause of his people. **tufsiifachuu** *tv* 1 cause an "evil-eyed" person "spit on" a victim of an evil eye and cure him/her; *budaatu si nyaatee tufsiifadhu* You

are a victim of an evil eye; have the evil eyed person "spit on" you so that you will recover from your illness. 2 cause to pardon and/or cause to give blessing *atuu akkoon kee hin du'in tufsiifadhu* Make your grandmother forgive you/ make her give you her blessing before she dies. **tufsiisuu** *iv, tv* 1 cause to spit *dhukkubi isaa dhiiga tufsiisee ajjeese* His disease made him spit blood and killed him. 2 cause to forgive *haati koo na abaarteettii dheqii naa tufsiisi*. My mother has cursed me, so go and make her "spit out the curse" or recant and forgive me. 3 cause an "evil-eyed" person "spit out the spell" so that his/her victim will recover. *budaa isa na nyaate barbaadaa naa tufsiisaa* Look for the "evil-eyed" person that had made me ill and make him/her "spit out the spell" so that I will recover. **tuttuffachiisuu** *tv* cause to eat fresh corn for the first time in the season *boqqolloo utuu warri hin nyaatin dura, ijoollee tuttufachiisuun aadaa keenya* Making children eat fresh corn before the adults do so is our culture. **tuttuffachuu** *tv* begin to eat fresh corn for the first time during the season *boqqolloo kaleessa tuttufanne* We began to eat fresh corn yesterday for the first time during the season. **tuga'uu** *tv* hit or strike the udder with the muzzle as calves do at

intervals to force out milk *jabbiin ijaa aannan dhabeefi arma haadha isaa tuga'a* Because the calf can't get enough milk, he is hitting his mother's udder with his muzzle.

**tuggaasisuu** Same as *teggaasisuu* under *tegga'uu*

**tugga'uu** Same as *tegga'uu*

**tuggee** *n* 1 bedpost 2 prop, usu for holding up the lid of a granary, e.g., when grain is taken out

**tuggoo** *n* 1 an implement, usu consisting of a single-edged blade with a thick handle, used for cutting bushes, grass, etc. 2 Same as *tuggee* (2)

**tujaara** *adj* rich or wealthy; tycoon

**tujii** Same as *tujuba/tuujuba*

**tujuba** Same as *tuujuba*

**tukaana** Same as *geergoo*

**tullaawuu** *iv* (of land) rise, i.e., slope upward and become a hill

**tulluu** *n* 1 mountain or hill 2 mount (Mt.) as used before names of mountains *tulluu Maawoo* Mt. Maawoo *tulluu Booqichaa* Mt. Booqichaa 3 (fig) natural bump or swelling found, usu on the forehead *adda isaa irraa tulluu qaba* There is a natural bump on his forehead.

**tuluu** *n* a kind of grass the stalk of which is usu used as a straw for sucking up liquid; see also *ujummoo* (1)

**tuma** Same as *tumsa* under *tumsuu*

**tumaa** See *tumuu*

**tumaaddisa** *n* a kind of big bird with long beak

**tumalessa** Same as *tumaamessa*

**tumaamessa** *n* fattened up ram or male goat, usu fattened up after being castrated

**tumaata** See *tumuu*

**tumachuu** See *tumuu*

**tumamaa** See *tumuu*

**tumamuu** See *tumuu*

**tumsa**<sup>1</sup> See *tumsuu*

**tumsa**<sup>2</sup> Same as *tumaa* (1) under *tumuu*

**tumsiisuu** See *tumuu*

**tumsuu** *tv* (usu applies to a physical fight) back, side with, stick up for sb, support, or take sides with **tumsa** *n* sticking up for sb; see also *nama irra goruu* under *goruu*

**tumtommachuu** *tv* form hand into fist to hit with *arka tumtommatee na rukute* He formed his hand into fist and hit me with it.

**tumtomuu** Same as *tumtommachuu*

**tumtuu** See *tumuu*

**tumuu** *tv* 1 beat, hit, or strike, i.e., punish by hitting, usu with a cudgel or stick; beat sb up; spank *eda maalif ilma kee tumte?* Why did you beat your son last night? See also *reebuu* (1) and *rukutuu* (1) 2 pound sth in a mortar; flail or thresh, i.e., separate the grain or seeds from the chaff, usu with a flail *buna tumti* She is pounding roast coffee in a mortar. *atarii tumaniiruu?* Have they threshed the peas? 3 castrate *dibicha kee yoom tumte?* When did you castrate your young bull? 4 (of the rain) soak

sb through *bokkaatu na tume* I got soaked through in the rain. See also *reebuu* (2). 5 promulgate /pass, i.e., put a new law or bill into effect *lafti kan abbaa qotuuti jedhanii seera tumaniiru* They have passed/promulgated a law stating that land belongs to the tiller. 6 forge, i.e., shape metal by heating and hammering *atuu tumtuun hin jiraannee eenyutu siibila nuu tuma?* If there were no blacksmiths who would forge metal (and make knives, axes, etc.) for us? 7 tatoo *ilkaan kee eenyutu sii tume?* Who tattooed the upper gum of your teeth for you? **tumaa** *adj, n* 1 law *tumaa baasaniiru* They have passed a law. 2 tattooed part of the body *ilkaan isee tumaa dha* Her upper gum is tattooed. **tumaata** *n* goring or an act of striking with a spear handle **tumachuu** *tv* 1 pound or thresh sth for self *shumburaa tumatee?* Has he threshed his chick peas for self? 2 tatoo *ilkaan tumatteetti* She has her upper gum tattooed. 3 peck, i.e., strike with a beak *indaaqqoon quba miillaa na tumatte* A hen pecked my toe. 4 gore, i.e., strike with a horn or thrust a spear handle into sb without throwing the spear itself *jinfuu eebootiin garaa na tumate* He thrust the handle of his spear into my stomach *sangaan kun si tumataa eeggadhu* Watch out! This ox will gore you. **tumamaa** *adj* 1

castrated animal 2 threshed grain **tumamuu** *tv* be beaten; be pounded, flailed, or threshed **tumsiisuu** *tv* cause to beat, castrate, pound, thresh, or tattoo *dibicha kee yoom tumsiifte?* When did you have your young bull castrated? **tumtuu** *n* blacksmith **tun** Same as *kun* **tunniin** Same as *jera kaan* **tuntuna** See *tuntunuu* **tuntunoo** See *tuntunuu* **tuntunuu** *iv* be fat in a pleasant way *mana haadhaa teessee tuntunttee deebite* She stayed with her mother, became fat in a pleasant way, and came back. **tuntuna** *adj* fat in a pleasant way **tuntunoo** *adj* (usu used of he-goat, ram, or bull) fat and big *korbeessa hoolaa tuntunoo* a big, fat ram **tu'oo** Same as *utubaa* under *utubuu* **tuqa** *n* swarm of insects *tuqa kanniisaatti hin bu'inaa* Don't provoke a swarm of bees. See also *tuca* under *tucuu* **tuqaa** *n* 1 point, period, or full stop 2 mole, i.e., burrowing mammal **tuqaa mixii** Same as *tuca mixii* under *tucuu* **tuqaa rimmaa** *n* 1 swarm of termites 2 termite nest made of earth **tuqaa rirmaa** Same as *tuqaa rimmaa* **tuqachuu** *tv* 1 dunk, i.e., dip food, usu into a liquid or semi-liquid

*daabboo shaayee tuqate nyaate* He dunked bread into his tea and ate it. **2** poke, usu a fire *abidda tuqadhu* Poke the fire. **tuqata** *n* point, i.e., dot

**tuqa-korroo** Same as *tuqaa* (**2**)

**tuqamuu** See *tuquu*

**tuqata** See *tuqachuu*

**tuqsiisuu** See *tuquu*

**tuquu** *tv* **1** provoke, i.e., incite to anger or resentment *saree kana hin tuqin* Don't provoke this dog. *lafumaa ka'ee na tuqe* He provoked me without any cause. **2** touch; hurt, i.e., wound or rouse painful feeling in *eegee isee hin tuqin si dhiittii* Don't touch her tail; she will kick you. *nama hin tuqin* Don't hurt people's feelings. **3** stain *dhiigi wayyaa koo tuqee gadhiisuu dide* Blood stained my clothes and refused to wash out. **tuqamuu** *tv* be touched, hurt, or be made angry *ani hin tuqamne jaraafin aare malee* Although I was not hurt personally, I was angry because of what was done to them. **2** be crazy, demented, deranged, insane, mad, or be mental *mucaan koo tuqameera fakkaatata mana hakiimiitti geessaa* My child seems demented; take him to hospital. **tuqsiisuu** *tv* **1** cause to touch **2** give sb a potion, i.e., a drink that contains some kind of drug that is believed to have magic powers *maaliif akkana maraataaf? qoricha isa tuqsiiftee laata?* Why is he so crazy about

her? Did she give him a potion?

**tuttuqa** *n* provocation; repeated poking *abiddi nii fi iyyeessi tuttuqa hin jaal'atanu* (saying) A fire and a poor person don't like repeated poking/provocation. [If provoked, a poor person who has nothing to lose, can be quick-tempered and dangerous].

**tuttuquu** *tv* worry, i.e., touch, press, handle repeatedly *ilkaan kee arrabaan hin tuttuqin* Don't worry your sore teeth with your tongue.

**turaaba** *n* grayish gum with sweet smell

**turbaala** *n* a kind of bird

**turoo** Same as: **1** *semmoo* (**1**) **2** *utubaa*

**tursiisuu** See *turuu*

**tursuu** Same as *tursiisuu* under *turuu*

**turungoo** *n* citron, i.e., fruit or plant

**turuu** *iv* **1** stay, i.e., be/remain in a place; be, i.e., was/were *asi ture* He was here. *asi turte* You/She were/was here. *asin ture* I was here. *isin asi turtan* You (pl. or honorific) were here. *ati eessa turte?* Where were you (sing.)? *inni mana hin turre* He was not at home. **2** be late or be delayed *autobusiin maaliif ture* Why is the bus late? *dafii deebi'i; hin turin.* Come back soon; don't stay there too long. *turtee/turee eerumte/fuude* She/He married late. **3** used to *farsoo nan jaal'an ture* I used to like beer.

iseen amma dhiyoo furdatte malee qalloo turte She used to be slim/thin; she became fat recently. 4 could/might would (have) atuu biyya kana jiraatee dafee hin du'u ture Had he been in this country, he wouldn't have died so early in life (there are modern hospitals here). atuu asi dhufanii waan nama dinqisiisuu hedduu argu/ dhagawu turan If they came here, they would see/hear many strange or surprising things. osoo biyya isetii bawuu baattee, dhirsa hin dhabdu turte If she had not left here homeland, she would have found a husband. 5 (usu takes ha/haa) defer, postpone, or wait dubbiin kun ha turu Let this matter wait, i.e., don't take any action now. Another common way of saying, ha/haa turu dubbiin is ha/haa bultu dubbiin 6 stay; wait xinnoo turii deemi Wait a little and leave. takka turaa deemaa You (pl or honorific) wait a little and leave. torban tokko nu bira turee deeme He stayed with us for a week and left. tursiisuu tv cause to be late situ na tursiise You are the one who made me late. tutturuu iv spend or stay at a place, usu longer than one is supposed to be there keessummaan torban hedduu nu bira tutturee waan qabnu nu duraa fixee deeme A guest stayed with us for many weeks and left after

eating/drinking everything we had.

**tus gochuu** fart dhuufuu tus godhe

He farted. See also dhuufuu

**tushaa** *n* small, thin cord or rope

**tusii** See tusuu<sup>1</sup>

**tussee** *n* 1 a kind of ant tusseen

natti dhuufte An ant has stung

me (lit) An ant has farted on me.

2 Same as tuffee

**tusuu**<sup>1</sup> tv plant many seedlings,

etc. very close together **tusii** *n* a thicket or bush

**tusuu**<sup>2</sup> (vulgar) Same as qunxurroo

**tutoo** *n* bunch of, usu tall grass

growing together tutoo citaa a bunch of grass growing close to each other

**tuttufachiisuu** See tufuu

**tuttufachuu** See tufuu

**tuttuqa** See tuquu

**tuttuqachuu** Same as tuqachuu

**tuttuquu** See tuquu

**tutturuu** See turuu

**tutuma** *n* comb or crest of a cock

**tuturrucii** *n* a kind of bird

**tuubboo** *n* a pipe used for the conveyance of water, etc.

**tuuchoo** See tuuchuu

**tuuchuu** tv collect together, pile, or cause to be many/plenty

**tuuchoo** *adj*, *n* plenty; see also kuusuu

**tuufoo** daisy-like plant

**tuujii** Same as tuujuba

**tuujuba** *n* deep part of body of water; depth lafa tuujuba bishaan kanaatti hin daakin Do not swim in this deep part of the water (where there is current); **marsaa**



**tuujubaa** *n* whirlpool, i.e., an area in a river or sea where the water moves quickly round and round, making it difficult for swimmers to escape if caught in it

**tuulaa** Same as *tuullaa* under *tuuluu*

**tuulamaa** See *tuuluu*

**tuulamuu** See *tuuluu*

**tuulchisuu** See *tuuluu*

**tuulii** See *tuuluu*

**tuullaa** See *tuuluu*

**tuullachuu** See *tuuluu*

**tuulsifachuu** See *tuuluu*

**tuulsisuu** Same as *tuulchisuu* under *tuuluu*

**tuuluu** *tv* 1 pile, i.e., set or stack in a pile, heap (up), put together *dhagaa asi tuultee deemte* She heaped (up) stones here and left. 2 (fig) extol sb to the skies or over praise (takes of when it refers to self praise) *oftuula/oftuulti* He/She over praises himself/herself. *maaliif akkana isa tuulta?* Why do you extol him to the skies so much? **tuulamaa** *n* (usu harvest in a field) a heap or a pile **tuulamuu** *tv* be piled, heaped, or stacked *boqqolloon inni kun muka jalatti ha tuulamu* This corn should be stacked under a tree. **tuulchisuu** *tv* cause to pile or stack *garbuu haamee na tuulchise* He cut the barley and made me stack it. **tuulii** *n* a game children play by piling themselves over the one who falls down first **tuullaa** *n* shock,

i.e., sheaves or shelled grain stacked upright in a field for drying *boqqolloo tuullaa kudhan* ten shocks of corn **tuullachuu** *tv* pile, heap up, or put together for self *gannaaf qoraan tuullatte* She stacked fire-

wood for the rainy season.

**tuulsifachuu** *tv* cause to pile or stack for self *har'a boqqolloon tuulsifadha* I will have my corn stacked (for self) today.

**tuumboo** Same as *tuubboo*

**tuura** Same as *dhadhaa*

**tuurcawuu** Same as *quphanuu*

**tuushoo** (vulgar) Same as *quunxii*

**tuuta** See *tuuta'uu*

**tuuta'uu** *iv* be crowded *ijoolleen namicha daljeessa baatu biratti*

*tuuta'nii daljeessa ilaalu* The children are crowded round a man who carries a baboon and looked (at the baboon). **tuuta** *n* (usu people) crowd or multitude *nama tuutatu asiin darbe* Many people passed this way.

**tuuttawuu** Same as *tuuta'uu*

**tuuttoo** *n* 1 small boys' tonsure-like hair do 2 crest; see also *guuttiyyaa*

**tuutuu**<sup>1</sup> Same as *tuta*

**tuutuu**<sup>2</sup> Same as *sutuu*

## u/U/uu/UU

-u<sup>1</sup> If a verb ends in **buu, chuu, cuu, duu, dhuu, fuu, guu, kuu, luu, muu, nuu, phuu, quu, ruu,**

**suu, tuu, wuu, xuu, yuu** for the 3<sup>rd</sup> person, pl/honorific, present/future tense, statement, **-u** is suffixed after removing **-uu**. e.g., (*dhiibuu*) *makiina kee sii dhiibu* They will push your car for you. (*kolfuu*) *ni/in kolfu* They are laughing. (*gatu*) *huuba eessatti gatu?* Where do they dump their garbage? When the question words are used, **-u** is also used for asking questions. *maaliif si doorsisu?* Why do they intimidate you? (*dhufuu*) *yoom dhufu?* When will they come? (*dhaquu*) *eessa dhaqu?* Where do they go?

**-u<sup>2</sup>** If a verb ends in all the endings shown under **-u<sup>1</sup>**, for the 3<sup>rd</sup> person, sing., masculine, or for the 1<sup>st</sup> person, sing., **-u** is suffixed after removing **-uu** to indicate a mild command or jussive. A verb with these endings takes **ha/haa** if the statement is positive, and **hin** if it is negative. e.g., (*dhaquu*) *inni bor gabaa ha/haa dhaqu* Let him go to the market tomorrow. *anisee hin fuudhu* I won't marry her. (*rafuu*) **ha/haa rafu**; *isa hin dammaqsin* Let him sleep; don't wake him up. *inni bor hin deemu* He won't go tomorrow. *anis hin deemu* I won't go either.

**-u<sup>3</sup>** When suffixed to nouns or pronouns, it is used as a subject marker, and it means one who. Examples: *Duulaatu natti hime* It was Duulaa who told me. *isatu*

*naa bite* It was he who bought it for me.

**uba** See *ubachuu*

**ubachiisuu** Same as *hubachiisuu*

**ubachuu** Same as *hubachuu uba n* knowledge of sb's well being, whereabouts, etc. *lafa obboleessi koo jiru him/im beeku; uba isaa hin qabu* I have no knowledge of my brother's whereabouts.

**ubamaa** Same as *hubamaa* under *hubuu*

**ubamtuu** Same as *hubamtuu* under *hubuu*

**ubamuu** Same as *hubamuu* under *hubuu*

**ubattuu** Same as *hubattuu* under *hubachuu*

**ubboo** Same as *huubboo*

**ubii** Same as *uba* under *ubachuu*

**ububbee** Same as *obomboleettii*

**ubuu** Same as *hubuu*

**uccuu** Same as *uffata* under *uffachuu*

**uchumaa** Same as *ichima*

**uchurraa'aa** Same as *ruurra'aa* under *ruurra'uu*

**uchurraa'uu** Same as *ruurra'uu*

**uchurreessuu** Same as *ruurressuu* under *ruurra'uu*

**uchurroo** Same as *ruurra'aa* under *ruurra'uu*

**uchurrooftuu** Same as *ruurroftuu* under *ruurressuu*

**ucuba n** goiter; see also *ooddoo* and *quufa* (2) under *quufuu*

**udaada** Same as *gudaada*

**udaan** See *udaanuu*

**udaansisuu** See *udaanuu*

**udaantuu** See *udaanuu*

**udaanuu** *iv* **1** defecate *nama waan nyaate beekan waan udaanu hin gaafatanuu* (saying) When one knows what a person had eaten, one does not ask what his/her excrement is going to look like [common sense]. **2** bull-shit, i.e., say sth disgusting, foolish, uninformed, or unpleasant *namichattiin kun maaliif udaanti?* Why does this contemptible man bullshit?  
**udaan** *n* **1** excrement; shit or feces, usu of baboons, cats, civet cats, dogs, hyenas, leopards, or humans *kun udaan daljeesaati malee kan namaa miti*. This can't be human excrement; its baboon's. **2** (fig) shit, i.e., bad or contemptible person *namichattiin udaan kun maal barbaaddi?* What does this shit want? **udaan aguu** *iv, tv* **1** defecate **2** rust *sibiillii yoo ala bule udaan aga* If it is left outside overnight, metal will rust. **udaan dhadhaa** *n* waste matter that remains after butter is processed; see also *shaaraa*<sup>1</sup>  
**udaan ji'aa** *n* natural sponge, i.e., light elastic material with holes, believed to be moon's excrement because it's usu seen in the mornings **udaan sibiilaa** *n* rust, i.e., reddish-brown coating found on metal that has been exposed to water and air for too long **udaansisuu** *tv* **1** cause to defecate **2** (fig) beat sb to the point of making him/her shit *gurbattii na arrabsite sana*

*udaansiseen gadhiise* I made the boy that called me names shit and let him go. **udaantuu** *adj* of a person who says sth foolish, uninformed, or unpleasant; of sb who exaggerates or lies  
**udaawuu** Same as *aguu/udaanuu*  
**uddaa** Same as *iddoo*  
**uddeellaa** See *uddeelluu*  
**uddeellachiisuu** See *uddeelluu*  
**uddeellachuu** See *uddeelluu*  
**uddeellamuu** See *uddeelluu*  
**uddeelsisuu** See *uddeelluu*  
**uddeellattuu** See *uddeelluu*  
**uddeelluu** *tv* (usu takes *itt*) overburden or overload, i.e., burden/load, usu a pack animal *harreetti yoo ba'aa uddeelan jalatti kufti* If a donkey is overloaded, it will collapse under the weight of the burden. **uddeellaa** *n* **1** a method by which two riders sit on one horse/mule, one behind the other *iseen isaa wajjin uddeellaa dhaan dhufte* He and she came riding (a horse) in tandem. **2** crupper, i.e., a leather strap looped under a tail of a donkey/horse/mule and attached to a harness/saddle; cushion for the back of pack animals **uddeellachiisuu** *tv* cause sb to let sb ride in tandem **uddeellachuu** *tv* allow/let a person ride the same horse/mule from behind; allow to ride in tandem *mee adaraa na uddeelladhu* Please let me ride your horse/mule in tandem with you. **uddeellamuu** *tv*

(passive) be heavily loaded; be allowed to sit on the same horse or mule behind another rider  
**uddeelsisuu** *tv* cause to load heavily or cause to sit on a horse or mule behind another rider  
**uddeellattuu** *n* bestman (lit one who holds a bride on muleback by sitting behind her on the same mule)

**udduu** *n* 1 arse, ass, bottom, breech, bum, butt, buttocks, rump, or seat *udduun isee guddaa dha* Her bottom or butt is big *fiddoon isaa udduu irraan baqaqe* The seat of his pants is torn; see also *fagaara*. 2 base or foundation *manni kun udduu hin qabu* This house has no foundation 3 base, i.e., the flat lower surface of utensils/vessels that touches the ground *uuroon kun udduu hin qabu kanaaf kufa* Because this jar has no base, it falls easily. 4 a tuber of any tuber plant such as potatoes, yams, etc. *dinnichi koo barana udduu gurgudaa godhate* The tubers of my potato crop are very large this year.

**ududda** Same as *hududda*

**ududdee** *n* a pigeon-like bird believed to beckon to or call rain by looking up to the sky and by producing its characteristic sound

**uduma** Same as **udumii** under *udumuu*

**udumachuu** See *udumuu*

**udummii** see *udumuu*

**udumsa** Same as *udummii* under *udumuu*

**udumsiisuu** See *udumuu*

**udumuu** *tv* cram into, jam into, ram into, or stuff sth with sth, i.e., push too much or fill tightly with *jirbii kana yoo udumte malee keeshaan singawu (si hin gawu)* Unless you stuff this cotton by pressing it tightly, the sack is not large enough to hold it (all for you). *mucaan kun buddeena afaan itsaatti udume* This child crammed bread into his mouth.  
**udumachuu** *tv* cram food into mouth for self; cram sth with sth (for self) *mucaan afaan isaatti buddeena udumate* The child crammed bread into his mouth.  
**udummii** *n* cramming or stuffing **udumsiisuu** *tv* cause to cram or stuff; see also *huummachuu*

**udurruqa** Same as *halooba*

**uf** 1 an expression of admiration, disgust or exhaustion *uf! naa gamte* Oh, I'm tired. *uf! intalli kun akkam bareeddi* Oh, what a beautiful girl. *uf! mucaa nana natti hin iyyin* Oh, I'm disgusted; you child, don't disturb me with your noise. 2 Same as *ofi*

**uffaa** Same as *huffaa*

**uffachiisuu** See *uffachuu*

**uffachuu** *tv* 1 (used of clothes only) wear, i.e., be clothed/ dressed in *kittaa diimaa uffata* He wears a red shirt. *qamisii isee is haaraa uffattee gabaas deemte* She wore her new dress and went to

the market. **2** dress, i.e., put on clothes *haati kee uffattee fixxeettii?* Has your mother finished dressing? **uffachiisuu** *tv* cause sb to buy clothes for *iseetu abbaa kootti himee suufii na uffachiise* She was the one who told my father and made him buy me woolen suit. **uffata** *n* clothes in general *har'a uffata miiccina* We will wash clothes today. **uffisuu** *tv* **1** (*usu* takes *itti*) put clothes on sb; dress sb *mucaan ofii isaatii danda'ee hin uffatu ati itti uffisi*. The child can't dress himself, so you dress him, please. **2** clothe, i.e., provide sb with clothes *ilmi kee uffata fixeeraa itti uffisi* Your son has finished his clothes, so clothe him. **3** cover/lay *xarapheessaatti wayyaa uffisi* Lay the cloth. See also *uwwisuu*

**uffata** See *uffachuu*

**uffee**<sup>1</sup> *adj* **1** liar *uffeen kun maal jedha amma innii?* What is this liar saying now! **2** oh, i.e., an expression that indicates pleasure or relief, *usu* said when one takes a rest or immediately after quenching one's thirst *uffee, baay'ee dheebodheen ture* Oh, I was very thirsty, but now I'm quenched.

**uffee**<sup>2</sup> Same as *gammoojjii*

**uffisuu** See *uffachuu*

**uffaalii** Same as *of ilaalii*

**ufuu** Same as *dhufuu*

**ugga'uu** *tv* defy, i.e., refuse to obey a person, a law, etc. *namni hedduun mootummaa ugga'aa jira*

Many people are defying the government.

**uggum** oh, i.e., an expression that indicates great surprise or contempt *uggum maaliif akkana sobaa?* Oh, what a liar he is!

**uggum jechuu** *iv* be amazed or be filled with wonder; indicates great surprise *rophilaaniin amma allaatii sitti fakkaatu kun nama dhibba sadii baachuu danda'e jennaaniin uggum jedhe* When I told him that an airplane that looks like a big bird to him can carry three hundred people, he said, "Wonderful and amazing!"

**uggumsiisuu** See *uggumuu*

**uggumuu** *iv* **1** bow, i.e., bend the head or body as a sign of greeting or respect *baarneexaa of irraa fuudhee uggumeef* He raised his hat and bowed to him. **2** nod (off), *usu* when sleepy or when falling asleep *abidda bukkee taa'ee ugguma* He sits by the fire and nods off. **uggumsiisuu** *tv* **1** cause to bow *alatti akka itti uggumnu nu agarsiisee eega ol seenne booda nugusaaf nu uggumsiise* Outside he demonstrated to us the proper way of bowing to an emperor; when we entered (the palace) he made us bow to the emperor.

**ugguruu** *tv* **1** rape **2** dismiss from school, college, etc.

**ugguu** Same as *ugga'uu*

**uguu** **1** Same as *dhuguu* **2** Same as *ugguruu*

**ujuba** *n* 1 graveyard or burial ground 2 Same as *abdaarii*

**ujukuu** *adj* (usu takes *ilmaan* or *ijoollee*) cockered, coddled, pampered, or spoiled, i.e., treated with excessive indulgence *ilmaan ujukuu* pampered children; see also *qananii* under *qananiisuu*

**ujummoo** *n* 1 hollow, slender straw, usu used for sucking up liquid *jaarsoliin bordee ujummoo dhaan dhuguu jaal'atu* Old men like to suck up thick beer through a straw. 2 (neologism) pipe through which liquids and gases flow 3 a retort used for distillation; see also *leemman* (3) and *faaggaa* (3)

**uka**<sup>1</sup> See *ukuu*<sup>1</sup>

**uka**<sup>2</sup> See *ukuu*<sup>3</sup>

**uka**<sup>3</sup> Same as *ukoo*

**uka**<sup>4</sup> *n* 1 back *mucaa ukatti baatti* She is carrying the baby on her back. 2 bosom 3 Same as *dhuka*

**ukaa** See *ukuu*<sup>2</sup>

**ukaati** *n* kind of bread, usu for sale

**ukaatii** Same as *okaatii*

**ukaawuu** 1 Same as *ukuu*<sup>1</sup> 2 (usu used of an issue) let it wait *dubbiin kun ha ukaawu* Let this issue wait (until it is well digested before a decision is made)

**ukachuu** See *ukuu*<sup>3</sup>

**ukamuu** See *ukuu*<sup>3</sup>

**ukaya** Same as *hookaa* (1)

**ukee**<sup>1</sup> *n* decorated/embellished gourd cup, usu used for drinking fresh milk

**ukee**<sup>2</sup> *n* children's holiday observed on the 12<sup>th</sup> of July

**ukkaamamaa** See *ukkaamsuu*

**ukkaamamuu** See *ukkaamsuu*

**ukkaamsa** See *ukkaamsuu*

**ukkaamsisuu** See *ukkaamsuu*

**ukkaamsuu** *tv* 1 gag, i.e., prevent from speaking by putting sth (usu the hand) over the mouth of *na uukkaamsee akka ani hin iyyine na godhe* He gagged me and prevented me from yelling (for help). 2 (usu used of fumes or smoke) suffocate *aara mana kanaatu na ukkaamse* Smoke coming from this room suffocated me. 3 (fig) silence sb, i.e., stop sb from expressing opinions that one does not agree with *mangiftiin tokko tokko namoota ukkaamsa* Some governments silence people. (i.e., prevent them from expressing an unpopular opinion).

**ukkaamamaa** *adj* gagged

**ukkaamamuu** *tv* (passive) be gagged or be silenced **ukkaamsa** *n* gagging; silencing

**ukkaamsisuu** *tv* cause to gag or silence

**ukoo** *n* part of dress between the waist and the armpit folded up and used for carrying/holding sth

**uksiisuu**<sup>1</sup> See *ukuu*<sup>1</sup>

**uksiisuu**<sup>2</sup> See *ukuu*<sup>2</sup>

**ukuu**<sup>1</sup> *iv* 1 become fusty, gamy, or musty, i.e., have the odor of mould or sth that has been stuffed for too long *manni kun ijaa cufamee ooleef uke* This room has become musty because it has been closed (and deprived of fresh air) all day. 2 Same as *hudhuu* (1,2) **uka** *n* odor *midhaan kun uka godhatee gati* This grain has bad odor; throw it away. **uka uka jechuu** *iv* smell fusty or musty *wayyaan yoo qalqala keessa bubbule uka uka jedha* If clothes are left in a bag for too long, they will smell musty. **ukaa** *adj, n* 1 fusty or musty *wayyaa ukaa kana ala baasi* Take these musty clothes out (so that they will be exposed to fresh air). 2 *armpit ukaatti waa baatti* She is carrying sth in her armpit. See also *bobaa uksiisuu* *tv* cause to be musty **ukuu**<sup>2</sup> *iv* cough persistently as sb with a respiratory disease does *namichi kun gaafhundumaa ni/in uka* This man coughs persistently **ukaa** *n* dry, shrill, persistent cough **uksiisuu** *tv* cause to cough persistently **ukuu**<sup>3</sup> *tv* 1 assist; help *bor atara buqqisuu na uki* Help me in uprooting the peas tomorrow. 2 nurse an ill person; counsel sb who is having a serious problem such as a divorce crisis 3 prop up; support *ukatee mana hakiimiitti isee geese* He supported her and took her to the hospital. **uka** *n* assistance; help *olla*

*keenya uka barbaada* Our neighbor needs help. **ukachuu** *tv* assist or help for self; nurse or counsel for self **ukamuu** *iv* (passive) be helped or counseled *uka n* help or assistance

**ulaa**<sup>1</sup> Same as *hulaa*

**ulaa**<sup>2</sup> coffee shuck or leaves

**ulaagaa** *n* 1 a flowering tree with a fragrant smell 2 criterion *namni tokko "maraa-teera" jechuuf ulaagaaleen kee maal?* What are your criteria for saying somebody is crazy/insane?

**ulaandhula** Same as *dhulaandhula*

**ulaan'ula** Same as *dhulaandhula*

**ulaaula** Same as *dhulaandhula*

**ulachiisuu** See *uluu*

**ulachuu** See *uluu*

**ulamaa** See *uluu*

**ulamuu** See *uluu*

**ulannaa** See *uluu*

**ulata** Same as *ulannaa* under *uluu*

**ulbata** Same as *sunqoo*; see also *hulbata*

**ulchiisuu** Same as *ulsiisuu* under *uluu*

**ulee** *n* 1 cane, rod, staff, stick, or wand used for walking, as a crutch, as weapon, or for punishing sb 2 (usu takes *xaafii*) flail, i.e., a stick for threshing *ulee xaafii* a flail for threshing *xaafii* 3 beating/hitting *uleen itti baayy'annaan mana isaatii baate* She left him (lit left his house) because of too much beating.

**ulfa** See *ulfaawuu*

**ulfaachuu** *iv* be cumbersome, heavy, or weighty, i.e., have

great weight and be difficult to carry or lift *ba'aan kun baay'ee ulfaata; ani danda'ee hin baadhu* This load is too heavy; I can't carry it. **gurra ulfaachuu** *iv* be unable to hear; have a hearing problem **harka ulfaachuu** *iv* do sth or work slowly; lie on the job **miilla ulfaachuu** *iv* walk slowly **namatti ulfachuu** *iv* 1 (used of a respectable person) inspire a feeling of awe or respect; be imposing *lakkii natti ulfaattanii taa'aa* Please sit down; I can't feel at ease/comfortable while you are standing. 2 be too heavy for *ba'aan kun natti ulfaate* This load is too heavy for me. **ulfaadhaa** (an expression used with the 2<sup>nd</sup> person, pl/ honorific) may you be respected; thank you *akkuma na kabajtan isinis ulfaadhaa* Just as you have respected me, may you also be respected. **ulfaadhu** (expression used with 2<sup>nd</sup> person, sing.) may you be respected; thank you *mucaa koo akkuma na kabajjee atis ulfaadhu* My daughter/ son, just as you have respected me, may you also be respected. **ulfaataa** *adj* 1 (of male) respectable *abbaan isee nama ulfaata dha* Her father is a respectable man. 2 heavy **ulfaattuu** *adj* 1 (of female) respectable 2 (of sth or sb being carried) heavy **ulfeessuu** *tv* 1 cause to be heavy *ba'aa kana natti ulfeessite* You made this load too heavy for me. 2 esteem, honor,

respect, or revere *na ulfeessee, lafaa ka'ee, barcuma isaa naa kennee, na teessise*. He showed me respect by getting up and giving up his seat to me. **ulfina** *n* 1 heaviness *ba'aa isaa irra kan kootu ulfinaan caala* My load is heavier than his (load). 2 esteem, honor, respect, or reverence *nama hunda irraa ulfina qaba* Everybody holds him in great esteem. **ulfina argachuu** *tv* gain/ win respect; be respected *eega sooromee asi ulfina argate* He won respect after he had become rich. **ulfina dhabuu** *tv* lose respect **ulfina qabaachuu** *iv* have respect; be respected *inni horii hin qabu garuu ulfina qaba* He has no wealth, but he has respect, i.e., people respect him. **ulfoo** *adj* (of female humans) respectable *iseen ulfoo dha* She is a respectable woman.

**ulfaataa** See *ulfaachuu*

**ulfaattuu** See *ulfaachuu*

**ulfaawuu** *iv* (usu used of humans) be pregnant, be big with, be expecting, be in a family way, be with a child, carry or conceive *eega ulfooftee turteetti* It has been a long time since she became pregnant. **ulfa** *adj* expectant or pregnant *haati manaa isaa ulfa* His wife is pregnant. **dubartii ulfa** an expectant mother **ulfa irraa baasuu** *tv* cause to abort *maaltu ulfa irra baase?* What made her abort? **ulfa seexanaa** *n* a tumor of the womb (lit devil's preg-



nancy); sometimes because it becomes as large as a late pregnancy it is called *ulfa hin dayamne* meaning a pregnancy that is always there (lit a pregnancy that never results in birth) **ulfeessuu** *tv* impregnate, get a girl into trouble, or make a woman pregnant *eega ulfeessee booda isee fuuchuu dide* He refused to marry her after making her pregnant. **ulfi irraa bawuu** *iv* miscarry; abort *ulfatuu irraa baye* She miscarried. **ulfooftuu** *adj* (usu of humans) pregnant; see also *ulfa* above

**ulfa seexanaa** See *ulfaawuu*

**ulfeessuu** See *ulfaachuu/ulfaawuu*

**ulfina** See *ulfaachuu*

**ulfoo** See *ulfaachuu*

**ulfooftuu** See *ulfaawuu*

**ulluuqsuu** Same as *hulluuqsuu* under *hulluuquu*

**ulluuquu** Same as *hulluuquu*

**ulmaa** *n* maternity, i.e. a section of a room where a mother is looked after for a certain period of time **ulmaa bawuu** *iv* (usu used of a woman in confinement after giving birth) be released and start normal activity *haati manaa isaa ulmaa baateettii?* Has his wife, who has been confined, started normal activity? **ulmaa ciisuu** *iv* be confined and given maternity care for a period of time, usu forty days

**ulmaayyaa** *n* small, willow-like, aromatic plant the twig of which

is used as tooth-brush [clausena anisata]

**ulsiisuu** See *uluu*

**ulufa** *adj* (usu of navel) misshapen and protruding *handhuura ulufa* an ugly, protruding navel

**ululchaa** *n* a woman's disease that is believed to cause them give birth to unusually small babies

**ulullee** *n* fife, flageolet, flute, or recorder *alkaniin ulullee asitti hin afuufin qeeransi nutti dhufaa* Don't play the flute here at night; the tune will invite leopards (superstition).

**ulullo** Same as *ulullee*

**ululuu** Same as *dhooquu*

**uluu** fumigate; incense/scent milk utensils, bee hives, etc., with smoke of certain plants that burn with a sweet smell *gaagura ula* He is incensing the bee hives. *manni kun uka uka jedha; waa itti uli* Fumigate/Incense this musty room. **ulachiisuu** *tv* cause to inhale *aara baala kanaa isa ulachiisi ni/in fayyya* Make him inhale the smoke of this leaf; he will recover. **ulachuu** *tv* 1 incense or perfume oneself with smoke of certain roots that burn with a pleasant smell *maal ulatte?* What did she incense herself with? 2 inhale vapor produced by boiling certain leaves (of medicinal value) *utaalloo keetiif baala akaakiltii danfisii uladhu* Boil eucalyptus leaves and inhale the vapor for your cold. **ulamaa** *adj* (usu of bee hives) incensed;

scented *gaagura isa ulamaa har'a fannisi* Hang (on a tree for bees to enter it) the scented bee hives today. **ulamuu** *tv* (passive) be fumigated or incensed **ulannaa** *n* incensing or perfuming oneself with smoke of a plant that produces a sweet smell **ulsiisuu** *tv* cause to fumigate/incense

**-uma** When suffixed to certain nouns, pronouns, particles, or place adverbs, it indicates focus or emphasis, e.g., (*isa*) **isuma** *malee ani nama biraatti hin kenninee* I gave it to himself; I didn't give it to anyone else. (*ni/in*) *madaan isaa inuma fayyuu dide* His wound has simply refused to heal. (*eessa*) **eessuma keesse laata** Where on earth did she put it? (*ana*) **gaaf undumaa anuma duwwaa ergu** They always send me, and no one else, on an errand. (*kana*) **kanuma malee kan biraa hin qabu** I have just this one, nothing else. (*jara*) **jaruma sanatu isee ajjeesise** They themselves killed her. (*maal*) **maaluma balleessinaan akkaana isa rukutte** Just exactly what crime has he committed that you beat him so much?

**-umaa** When suffixed to certain nouns, pronouns, or time/place adverbs, it indicates emphasis and it means for the sake of, just for/to (namicha) **namichumaa** *jettee biyyaa baatee?* Did she flee the village just for the sake of the man (known to you and me)?

(*isa*) **eeyyee isumaa jettee biyyaa baate.** Yes, she fled the country for his sake. (*kaleessa*) **ani kaleessumaa asi isa hin argine** I haven't seen him since yesterday (emphatic yesterday).

**umaa** Same as *humaa*

**umbaachoo** Same as *humbaaawoo*

**umbaawoo** Same as *humbaaawoo*

**umbii** Same as *huumbii*

**umburuu** (vulgar) Same as *buqushaa*

**ummata** See *uummata* under *uumuu*

**ummat-lammii** *n* nationality *ummataa fi ummat-lammii* nation and nationality

**umna** Same as *humna*<sup>1</sup>

**umnaawuu** Same as *mukaawuu*

**umneessuu** Same as *mukeessuu* under *mukaawuu*

**umnooftuu** Same as *mukooftuu* under *mukaawuu*

**umtuu** *pron 1* nothing *umtuu isa hin gammachiisu* Nothing pleases him. *jabeenyaan umtuu amma sibiilaa hin gawu* As far as strength is concerned, there is nothing like metal. **2** no one or nobody *umtuu sin waamne (si hin waamne)* Nobody invited you. *du'ee fi jiraatee isaa umtuu him/im beeku* Nobody knows whether he is dead or alive.

**umurii** *n 1* age, i.e., length of time sb/sth has lived or existed *umuriin kee meeqa?* What's your age/How old are you? **2** life *umuriin isee ha dheeratu* May she

live long life. *umuriin isaa ha gabaabbatu* May his life be short.  
**una** See *unachuu*  
**unacha** Same as *una* under *unachuu*  
**unachiisuu** See *unachuu*  
**unachuu** *tv* 1 wash sth down with, i.e., swallow, usu yogurt, with bread *qixxaa cuffatee ittittuu itti unate* He bit off a mouthful of bread and washed it down with yogurt. 2 drink *aannan unate* He drank milk. 3 (fig) sponge on sb *mootummaan tokko tokko dhiiga saba isaa unata* Some selfish governments sponge on its people (lit drinks its people's blood). **una** *n* sip (of), i.e., a small amount of a drink  
**unachiisuu** *tv* cause to sip *mee ittittuu kee na unachiisi* Please let me sip your yogurt.  
**unata** Same as *una* under *unachuu*  
**unda** Same as *hunda*  
**undee** Same as *hundee* under *hundaawuu*  
**undinuu** Same as *hundinuu* under *hunda*  
**undumaa** Same as *hunda*  
**undumtuu** Same as *hundinuu* under *hunda*  
**unduu** Same as *hundinu* under *unda*  
**ungaayee** *n* a lentil-like plant or its edible seeds  
**ungulaalamuu** See *ungulaaluu*  
**ungulaalchisuu** See *ungulaaluu*  
**ungulaaluu** *tv* (usu used of flour) sift by shaking through a sift *daakuu boqqolloo ungulaalti* She is

sifting corn flour. **ungulaalamuu** *tv* (passive) be sifted  
**ungulaalchisuu** *tv* cause to sift  
**unkaa** Same as *uunkaa*  
**unkurachuu** See *unkuruu*  
**unkuramuu** See *unkuruu*  
**unkuroo** See *unkuruu*  
**unkursiisuu** See *unkuruu*  
**unkuruu** *tv* mix flour of parched grain with water, heat it on a griddle and prepare mash from which beer or spirits can be brewed or distilled *unkuroo unkurti* She is preparing mash by heating flour on the griddle.  
**unkurachuu** *tv* prepare mash for self **unkuramuu** *tv* (passive) [of mash] be prepared **unkuroo** *n* mash, i.e., any fermentable starch mixture from which beer/alcohol is brewed/  
distilled **unkursiisuu** *tv* cause to prepare mash  
**unkuruuruu** Same as *qabachuu* (1, 2, 3) under *qabuu*  
**unkut gochuu** Same as *hunkuteessuu*  
**unkutachuu** See *unkutuu*  
**unkutamuu** See *unkutuu*  
**unkuteessuu** Same as *hunkuteessuu*  
**unkutoo** See *unkutuu*  
**unkutuu** *tv* cook green/fresh barley, chick-pea, pea, or wheat directly on fire before removing the pods/chaff **unkutachuu** *tv* cook grains directly on fire before removing the pods/chaff for self *tiksituun garbuu unkutee nyaate* The shepherd cooked

fresh barley in the field and ate it. **unkutamuu** *tv* (passive) [of green grains such as peas, wheat) be cooked directly on fire before removing the pods or the chaff **unkutoo** *n* green barley, chick-pea, pea, or wheat directly cooked on fire before removing the pod/chaff

**ununsuu** Same as *hununsuu*

**uraa**<sup>1</sup> Same as *huraa* under *huruu*

**uraa**<sup>2</sup> Same as *coqorsa*

**urachuu** Same as *hurachuu* under *huruu*

**uramuu** Same as *huramuu* under *huruu*

**urataa** Same as *hurataa* under *huruu*

**urbuu** Same as *hurbuu*

**urdee** *n* deep-rooted/deep-seated, chronic disease usu from syphilis

**urduddee**<sup>1</sup> Same as *ududdee*

**urduddee**<sup>2</sup> *n* motorcycle

**urgasii** Same as *eegasii*

**urgaa** See *urgaawuu*

**urgaawuu** *iv* be aromatic, fragrant, or smell sweet *loomiin ni/in urgaaya* Lemmons smell sweet. **2** (takes *tii*) smell sth, i.e., sth that has sweet smell *waxii indaaqqootu natti urgaaya* I smell a pleasant-smelling chicken stew. cf., *ciincawuu* or *ajaawuu* (1)

**urgaa** *n* aroma, fragrance, or sweet smell *urgaan saamunaa kaleessaa ammayyuu kittaa isaattii him/im baane* One can still smell the aroma of the soap with which his shirt was washed

yesterday. **urgeeffachiisuu** *tv* cause sb to smell sth with sweet smell *shittoo isee na urgeeffachiifte* She made me smell her perfume.

**urgeeffachuu** *tv* **1** have/take a smell of sth that smells sweet *shittoon kun sheggee dha; mee urgeeffadhu* Smell this perfume; it smells nice **2** smell, i.e., inhale the odor of; sniff *jabbiin haadha urgeeffata* The calf is

smelling/sniffing (at) his mother. **urgeessuu** *tv* **1** let sb smell sth *mee shittoo kee natti urgeessi* Let me smell your perfume, please. **2** (fig) [usu applies to the aroma of a room on holidays] make a room smell sweet with fragrant grass, herb, incense, or with varieties of spicy food, etc., *mana isee urgeessiteetti* She has made her house smell nice. **urgooftuu** *n* spice; perfume

**urgee**<sup>1</sup> *adj*, *n* **1** sth that smells sweet **2** a mixture of butter and spices women use as a cosmetic

**urgee**<sup>2</sup> Same as *iddoo* (1, 2)

**urgeeffachiisuu** See *urgaawuu*

**urgeeffachuu** See *urgaawuu*

**urgeessaa** *n* a kind of tree that smells sweet

**urgeessuu** See *urgaawuu*

**urgoo** *n* **1** Same as *urgee*<sup>1</sup> **2** Same as *itittuu* under *itittuu*

**urgooftuu** See *urgaawuu*

**urgufachuu** See *urgufuu*

**urgufoo** Same as *hurgufoo*

**urgufuu** *tv* **1** (used of clothes, fruit tres, horses, mats, mules, rugs,

uprooted weeds, vehicles, and the like) *kittaa isaa miiccee urgufee afe* He washed his shirt, shook it, and spread it to dry. *muka kookii urgufee kookii gadi arcaase* He shook peaches from a tree and made them fall down. *fardi kun nama urgufa* This horse makes one shake/jerk (does not run smoothly). *andaqii urgufii ol galchi* Shake the mat and bring it in. **2** shake sth up, i.e., either to mix the content well or to shake the container itself *xaarmushii urguftee dhiqxe* She shook up the bottle and washed it properly. *qoricha xaarmushii kana keessa jiru osoo hin urgufin hin dhugin*. Don't take the medicine in this bottle before shaking it up.  
**urgufachuu** *tv 1* (used of animals) shake off, usu liquid such as rain *sangaan kun bokkaan itti roobnaan urgufata* This ox is shaking off the rain (water). **2** Same as *buufachuu* (**2**) under *bu'uu*  
**urjii** *adj, n 1* star, i.e., any of the twinkling bodies seen in the sky at night **2** (fig) many or multitude *nama urjiitu bakkee baye* There are many people in the field.  
**urraa** Same as *hurraa/qoraan*  
**urreessuu** Same as *hurreeessuu* under *hurraawuu*  
**urruubsisuu** Same as *hurruubsisuu* under *hurruubuu*<sup>1</sup>  
**urruubuu** Same as *hurruubuu*<sup>1</sup>  
**urufa** Same as *hurufa*

**urunguu** *n owl mandara kanaa eenyutu du'a laata kan urunguun aadduu* An owl is hooting. Who is going to die in our neighborhood? (superstition)  
**ururfachuu** Same as *hururfachuu* under *hurursuu*  
**urursa** See *urursuu*  
**urursuu** *tv* lull *mucaa urursi* Lull the baby. **urursa** *n* lullaby; see also *hurursuu*  
**uruu** Same as *huruu*  
**uruurtuu** See *uruuruu*  
**uruuruu** *tv 1* (of a very young bull or a bull) copulate, or at least, try to copulate a very young heifer or a pregnant cow, unusual behavior! **uruurtuu** *n* a very young bull that tries to copulate a young heifer or a pregnant cow  
**ush jechuu** Same as *usuu*  
**ushaa** Same as *saagaa* under *saaguu*  
**ushaaluu** Same as *saaguu*  
**ushee** Same as *oshee*  
**ushukuu** Same as *ujukuu*  
**usi!** (jussive and impolite) be quiet! hold your tongue! Shut up! *usi, natti hin iyyin* Be quiet, don't shout at me!  
**usi jechuu** Same as *usuu*  
**usoo** *n* beer, usu brewed (by fireside) in a small container, primarily for members of a family or a small circle of friends  
**usuftuu** See *ususuu*  
**ususa** See *ususuu*  
**ususuu** *iv* (onomatopoetic) talk in whisper; whisper *maaliif usustu?*

Why are you whispering?  
**usuftuu** *n* (a person) **1** whisperer  
**2** backbiter **ususa** *n* whisper; see  
 also *asaasuu* (1)  
**usuu** Same as *cal jechuu/callisuu*  
**utaala** Same as *utaalchoo* under  
*utaaluu*  
**utaalaa** See *utaaluu*  
**utaalcha** Same as *utaalchoo* unde  
*utaaluu*  
**utaalchisuu** See *utaaluu*  
**utaalchoo** See *utaaluu*  
**utaalloo**<sup>1</sup> *n* cold or common cold  
*utaalloon gadheen kun eessaa na*  
*qabe laata?* Where did I catch this  
 terrible cold?  
**utaalloo**<sup>2</sup> Same as *utaalchoo* under  
*utaaluu*  
**utaaltuu** See *utaaluu*  
**utaaluu** *iv* **1** bounce, bound, hop,  
 jump, leap, spring, or vault  
*utaalee farda irra bu'e* He jumped  
 into the saddle. *kubbaan lafa*  
*dhayee dalla irra utaale* The ball hit  
 the ground and then bounced  
 over the fence. *oolaa irra utaale*  
 He jumped over the sheep. *dalla*  
*irra utaalee dhufe* He jumped over  
 the fence and came. **2** skip, i.e.,  
 make omissions *maqaa isaa irra*  
*utaalte* You skipped his name. **3**  
 jump to one's feet; rise or stand  
 up suddenly *utaaltee lafaa*  
*ceete/kaate* She jumped to her  
 feet. **utaalaa** *n* (applies to male)  
 jumper, i.e., good at jumping  
**utaalchisuu** *tv* jump, i.e., cause  
 to leap or make, *usu* a horse,  
 prance *farda isaa boolla irra*  
*utaalchise* He jumped his horse

over a pit. **utaalchoo** *n* long or  
 high jump; jumping *utaalchoo*  
*dhaan tokkoffaa baye* He became  
 first in long/high jump. **utaaltuu**  
*n* (applies to female) jumper, i.e.,  
 good at jumping  
**uttee** Same as *waraabessa*  
**utubaa** See *utubuu*  
**utubachuu** See *utubuu*  
**utubsiisuu** See *utubuu*  
**utubuu** *tv* prop/shore sth up, or  
 support, *usu* applies to the act of  
 keeping a roof or ceiling in  
 position permanently with a  
 column *mana isaa utubaa tokkoon*  
*utube* He supported the roof of  
 his house with one column.  
**utubaa** *n* column or pillar for  
 supporting a roof **utubachuu** *tv*  
 prop or support a roof with a  
 pillar for self **utubsiisuu** *tv* cause  
 sb to prop up a roof with a pillar  
**utuma** Same as *utuu* (3)  
**utuu** *adv, conj* **1** before, i.e., prior  
 to or previous to the time when  
*utuu hin nyaatin hin dhugin* Don't  
 drink before you eat. *utuu jarri*  
*sin gaafatin (si hin gaafatin) humaa*  
*itti hin himin* Don't tell them  
 anything before they ask you. **2**  
 (*usu* used to introduce clause) if,  
 i.e., in the event that, granting  
 that, or on condition that *utuu*  
*dafanii dhufanii wajjin deemna* If  
 they come soon, we will go  
 together. *utuu dafnee manaa*  
*baanee yaroo dhaan achi geenya*  
*turre* If we had left home early,  
 we would have arrived there in  
 time. **3** while, i.e., at the same

time *asi utuu taa'ee aasa'uu*  
*achumaan afe* He died ther and  
 then while sitting here and  
 talking. *utuun asi dhufuun leenca*  
*karaa irratti arge* I saw a lion on  
 the road while I was coming  
 here. **4** (*usu* occurs before a verb  
 that begins with *hin*, a negative  
 marker *kaleessa utuu hin nyaatin*  
*oole* Yesterday he spent the day  
 without eating. *utuu hin ojjatin*  
*taa'anii nyaachuu barbaadu*. They  
 want to eat without working.  
 See also *atuu*<sup>2</sup>

**-uu 1** infinitive marker: examples  
*buluu* to spend the night *deemuu*  
 to go *uluu* to fumigate or  
 incense. Except *kottu/kottaa*  
 (come) which don't have the  
 infinitive markers, all the verb  
 entries in this work are in the  
 infinitive form. From the  
 experience of this writer, the  
 infinitive is the best vantage  
 point for analyzing the verbs in  
 Afaan Oromo. **2** When suffixed  
 to nouns, pronouns, it means  
 even *isee dhiisii jerruu hin*  
*dandeenye* Let her alone, even  
 they could not do it. *anuu du'a*  
*isaa hin dhageenye* Even I did not  
 hear about his death. **3** Suffixed  
 to some verbs, it changes the  
 verb to an adjective. The  
 meaning is: one who/which  
 (female/person) *beekamtuu dha*  
 She is well-known *namicha*  
*dhugduu sanatti eerumtee?* Did  
 she marry that drunkard/

alcoholic? **4** For asking questions  
 that require "yes-no" answers, -  
**uu** is used, i.e., the infinitive  
 marker **-uu** remains intact. e.g.,  
*(buluu) asi buluu?* Are they  
 staying the night here?  
*(doorsisuu) si doorsisuu* Do they  
 intimidate you?

**uu'uu'uu!** *int* sound  
 said/produced in succession  
 when sb yells for help; a yell of  
 terror or pain

**uuba** Same as *huuba*

**uuba qoonqoo** Same as *huuba*  
*qoonqoo*

**uubboo** Same as *huubboo*

**uuda n 1** (applies to sorghum)  
 shock, i.e., head of sorghum  
 stacked in a field for drying **2** a  
 place where a community stacks  
 head of sorghum

**uugaa** *adv* (applies to road)  
 straight *karaan kun uugaa dha*  
 This road is straight

**uukessuu** Same as *huukkessuu*  
**uukkoo** *n* edible agaric,  
 mushroom, or truffle; see also  
*shashara*

**uuma** See *uumuu*

**uumaa** See *uumuu*

**uumama** See *uumuu*

**uumamaa** See *uumuu*

**uumamuu** See *uumuu*

**uumbii** Same as *huumbii*

**uummachuu** See *uumuu*

**uummata** See *uumuu*

**uummoo** *n* emu-like big birds  
 (with red marks on the necks)  
 that always walk in two's  
 parallel to each other *uummoo*

*gidduu yoo darbuu dandeesse tasa hin duutu* If you can pass between two emus, you will never die (it is an impossible task because they always close up and run/fly away when a person approaches)

**uumuu** *tv* (used of life) create, i.e., cause to exist or bring into being *eenyutu si uume?* Who created you? **uuma** *n* creature; creation **uumaa** *n* 1 creation or a living being *uumaa waaqaa* God's creation 2 (of deformity, disease, etc.) congenital, i.e., existing at birth *naafummaan isaa uumaa miti; booda itti dhufe* His deformity (i.e., lameness) is not congenital; he became lame after birth. 3 creator; God *yaa rabbi uumaa hundumaa// murteessan sumaa (siuma)// birmadhu dafii nutis keetumaa* Oh God, creator and judge of all, succor us (the Oromos) for, we too, are your creation [Taken from Raayyaa Abbaa Maccaa's song] **uumama** *n* all living or non living things *uumama lafa kana irra jiru hunda kan caalu sanyii namaati* Human beings are superior to all the other creatures. **uumamaa** *n* God's creation, i.e., living or non-living **uumamuu** *tv* (passive) be created; be invented **uummachuu** *tv* create sth new for self **uummata** *n* human beings; people **uumata bal'aa** *n* the masses, i.e., the ordinary people in society

**uunkaa** *n* form; organizational structure

**uuqqachuu** Same as *huuqqachuu*

**uuqqataa** Same as *huuqqataa* under *huuqqachuu*

**uuqqattuu** Same as *huuqqattuu* under *huuqqachuu*

**uuqqina** Same as *huuqqina* under *huuqqachuu*

**uuqqisuu** Same as *huuqqisuu* under *huuqqachuu*

**uuqqoo** Same as *huuqqataa* under *huuqqachuu*

**uuroo** Same as *huuroo*

**uurraa** Same as *hurraa*

**uurrii** Same as *huurrii*

**uursuu** Same as *huursuu*

**uuruu** Same as *huuruu*

**uusa** *n* nutrition

**uusoo** *n* animal or human feces and urine

**uuxoo** Same as *huuxoo*

**uwa** Same as *nadheen*

**uwwisa** See *uwwisuu*

**uwwisaa** See *uwwisuu*

**uwwisiisuu** See *uwwisuu*

**uwwisuu** *tv* 1 clothe, i.e., supply or provide clothes for *bara darbe sangaa gurgureen ijoollee kootti uwwise; barana ammoo maalan gurgura laata?* Last year I clothed my family by selling my ox. What am I going to sell this year? 2 cover, i.e., put clothes on sb/sth *mucaan ciiseeraa waa itti uwwisi* The child has gone to bed; put some cloth on him. **uwwisa** *n* putting clothes on or covering sth **uwwisaa** *n* clothes or cash, usu given or paid to the



parents of a bride **uwwisiisuu** *tv*  
 cause to clothe or cover  
**uxaa** *n* persimmon, i.e., the tree  
 itself and its fruit

## v/V

This sound is alien to Afaan  
 Oromo. It occurs only in words  
 "borrowed" from Indo-  
 European family of languages.

Examples:

**vermuxii** *n* vermouthe

**vidiyoo** *n* vidio

**viinoo** *n* vino

## w/W

**waa** *pron* 1 something **waa sii**  
*laatteettii?* Did she give you  
 something to eat? **waa natti himee**  
*ture nan irraanfadh* **malee** He told  
 me something, but I forgot what  
 it was. **waa hin bittu, waa hin**  
*gurgurtu, hojii malee sareen gabaa*  
*baatu ulee dabalatti* (humor)  
 Although it doesn't buy nor sell  
 anything, a dog goes to the  
 market only to be beaten.  
 [Purposeless action] 2 (takes  
*tokko*) anything or nothing **muka**  
*dheeraa tokko irraa kufee waa tokko*  
*hin taane* He fell from a tall tree,  
 but nothing happened to him,  
 i.e., he wasn't hurt. **waa tokko**  
*kenniif* Give him something. 3

Same as **waawuu waa beekaa**  
 Same as **qaalluu waa hima n**  
 prophecy **waa himaa n** (of  
 males) a fortune teller; prophet  
**waa himtuu n** (of females) a  
 fortune teller **waa himuu iv**  
 foretell, predict, or prophesy  
**waa malee adv** without  
 reason/cause **namni waa malee**  
*hin aaru* A person does not get  
 angry without a cause. **waa malee**  
*manni hin aaru* (saying) Smoke  
 doesn't come out of a house  
 without reason. [something is  
 cooking]

**waabara n** alga [pl. form is *algae*],  
 i.e., green and slimy plant that  
 grows on water or damp  
 surfaces

**waabeekaa** See **waa**

**waabeekoo** Same as **waabeekaa**  
 under **waa**

**waabessa** Same as **wabee**

**waaciluu** Same as **dhaadachuu**

**waaccuu n** a kind of tree

**waachisiisuu** See **waaduu**

**waacila** See **waaciluu**

**waacilee** See **waaciluu**

**waaciluu iv** 1 yell or shout at; see  
 also **wacuu** (1) 2 Same as **wal**  
**diduu** under **wal** **Maa wal**  
**waacillaa?** Why do we quarrel  
 with each other? **waacila n**  
 yelling or shouting at each other  
**waacilee adj** of a person who  
 shouts and yells

**waada** Same as **waadda** under  
**waaduu**

**waadaa n** pledge, plight, promise,  
 vow, or word of honor, i.e., an

earnest promise that morally binds one to perform or refrain from performing a specified act  
*akka hin dubbanne waadaa walii galaniiru fakkaata* It seems that they are pledged in secrecy. 2  
*taboo foon booyyee waadaa dha hin nyaatamu* Eating pork is a taboo.  
**waadachiisuu** Same as *waaddachiisuu* under *waaduu*  
**waadachuu** Same as *waaddachuu* under *waaduu*  
**waadamuu** See *waaduu*  
**waadda** See *waaduu*  
**waaddachiisuu** See *waaduu*  
**waaddachuu** See *waaduu*  
**waaddamuu** Same as *waadamuu* under *waaduu*  
**waaddii** See *waaduu*  
**waaduu** *tv* 1 (usu applies to cabbage, corn on the cob, or meat) roast, i.e., cook by direct exposure to heat over an open fire or in hot ashes; broil/fry *foon salassalanii baal'oo mukaa irra kaayanii waadanii nyaatani* They jerked the meat, put it on a spit-like, forked wood, roasted it and ate it. 2 (fig) anger or enrage sb  
**waachisiisuu** *tv* cause to roast *boqqolloo na waachisiise* He made me roast corn on the cob.  
**waadamuu** *tv* (passive) be fried *foon isa waadame naa kenni* Give me the meat which is already fried. **waadda** *n* the act of frying/roasting *waadda foonii namni tokko tokko hedduu itti beeka* Some people are very good at frying meat. **waaddachiisuu** *tv*

cause sb to roast/fry for self  
**waaddachuu** *tv* roast/fry for self  
**waaddii** *adj* roast/roasted /fried *boqqolloo waaddii moo mulluu si wayya?* Which would you prefer: roast or boiled corn on the cob?

**waa'ee** *prep* (usu precedes nouns or pronouns) about, i.e., concerning, regarding, or in reference to *waa'ee ilma keetii ni/in dhageessaa?* Have you any news of/about your son? *waa'ee koo dubbatuu?* Are they talking about me? **waa'ee baasuu** *iv* be too small to be of any use/value; be worthless; be of little or no consequence *ashaboo waa'ee naa him/im baafne kana maaliifan fudha?* Why should I take this inconsequential amount of salt?

**waa'ela** 1 an elderly man who acts as an intermediary in negotiating marriage with the parents of a girl on behalf of a would-be husband; marriage broker 2 Same as *miiltoo/waahila*

**waafa** Same as *dunfura*

**waaftaa** *n* forge or smithy, i.e., the workshop of a blacksmith

**waagaa** Same as *waaggaa*

**waaggaa** Same as *utubaa*

**waagii** *n* 1 frost, i.e., a period of cold weather that ruins crops or plants 2 wheat disease *waagiitu gamadii balleesse* Wheat disease ruined the wheat crop.

**waagimboo** *n* rope ring that serves as a cushion between the top end of a pillar and a ceiling

**waahela** Same as *waahila*

**waahila** Same as *miiltoo*

**waa'ila** *n* assistant bestman; see also *minjee*

**waajiraata** *n* joint possession of sth such as liquor bought by chipping in one's share of money

**waajjiraa** *n* office, i.e., a building where official business is conducted

**waakkachiisuu** See *waakkachuu*

**waakkachuu** *tv* 1 be frugal of food or money; be mean, niggardly, or parsimonious; economize too much; skimp; spare and scrape; stint *midhaan waakkatti* She stints food. *waakkatanuu malee bara him/im baayanu* One will not survive hard times unless one economizes. 2 Same as *aaluu*

**waakkachiisuu** *tv* cause to stint  
**waakkataa** *adj* (of males) parsimonious, frugal, or sparing *abbaan isaa waakkataa dha* His father is sparing of money, food, etc. **waakkattuu** *adj* (of persons) frugal, sparing, or parsimonious **waakkii** *n* 1 frugality or parsimony *waakkii baayy'isa* He carries frugality too far. 2 lying or denying

**waakkataa** See *waakkachuu*

**waakkattuu** See *waakkachuu*

**waakkii** See *waakkachuu*

**waakkoo** *n* 1 mushroom; see also *ukkoo* 2 (fig) [of human ear] large *gurri isaa waakkoo dha* His ear is large.

**waalee** *n* dolphin

**waallattaawuu** *iv* faint or lose consciousness suddenly

**waallatteessuu** *tv* cause to faint

**waallattii** *n* faint, i.e., an act or condition of fainting

**waallattii** See *waallattaawuu*

**waallatteessuu** See *waallattaawuu*

**waalluu** *n* long, loose, old-fashioned, usu leather dress *waalluu uffatti* She wears an old-fashioned, leather dress.

**waaltessuu** Same as *gamteessuu*

**waamamuu** See *waamuu*

**waamicha** See *waamuu*

**waammachuu** See *waamuu*

**waammii** See *waamuu*

**waamsisuu** See *waamuu*

**waamuu** *tv* 1 call sb/sth by name to attract his/her/its attention *saree waami* Call the dog. *ani isa waamnaana utuma dhagawuu na jalaa dide* Although he heard me when I called him, he didn't answer. 2 call, i.e., send a message to *dhaqii ogeessa naa waami* Go and call a doctor for me. *buna waami* Go and tell neighbors to come and drink coffee. 3 (takes *maqaa*) call a name, i.e., call the roll or take attendance *barsiisaan keenya kaleessa maqaa hin waamne* Our teacher didn't take attendance yesterday. 4 invite sb to dinner, wedding, etc., *gaa'ila isaatti na hin waamne* He didn't invite me to his wedding. 5 (usu used of a hen) cluck, i.e., call her chicks *indaaqqoon raammoo argitee cuucii isee waamte* The hen clucked or

called her chicks when she saw a worm. **waamamuu** *tv* (passive) 1 be called *maqaa* *koo*

*waamameeraa*? Has my name been called? 2 be invited *gaa'ila isaatti eenyu faatu waamame*? Who were invited to his wedding?

**waamicha** *n* 1 invitation *waamicha malee dhufee, dhugee, nyaatee deeme* Although no one extended him an invitation, he came, drank, ate, and went away! 2 festival; ceremony or occasion, i.e., a significant event such as wedding to which relatives and friends are invited to eat and drink; party, i.e., gathering of relatives and friends by invitation for pleasure *mana kana waamichi jira fakkaata* It looks as if there is a party or a social occasion in this house.

**waammachuu** *tv* call sb, usu for help *rakkadheen si waammadhee na jalaa hin didin* I called to you for help, so please do not refuse to answer my call. **waammii** *n* curse *akkoon isee waammii ijaa baayy'iftuuf nammi isee jibba*

Because his grandmother likes cursing a lot, no one likes her.

**waamsisuu** *tv* cause to call sb *ogeessa naa waamsise* He sent sb to call a doctor for me.

**waan** *adv, pron* 1 (with nouns, pronouns, or verbs) what/ whatever, i.e., the thing that or whatever thing that *waan inni siin jedhe natti himi* Tell me what he said to you. *waan ta'e ha ta'u*

*malee ani hin sobu* Whatever happens, I won't lie. *waan barbaade ha jedhu ana maaltu na dhibe* Let him say whatever he wants; why do I care? *waan haasoftu him/im beektu* She doesn't know what she is talking about. *waan Boruun asii barbaadu him/im beeku* I don't know what Boruu wants here. 2 (with adjectives) something which *waan adii/guddaa /diimaa/xinnoo/gur'aacha argite* She saw something which is white/big/ red/ small/ black. 3 (usu with *tokko*) nothing; anything; something *ani waan tokko manaa hin qabu* I have nothing in the house. *waan tokko him/im barbaadu* I don't want anything. *waan tokko natti hime* He told me something. *mucaan koo waan tokko osoo hin nyaatin deeme* My child left without eating anything. *inni waan sogidda qabu hin nyaatu* He doesn't eat anything with salt in it. See also *waa*. 4 (with *sana*) that stuff/thing, i.e., sth the speaker and the listener know but not intended to be known by a third party *waan sana bor naa fidi* Bring me that stuff tomorrow. 5 why, i.e., the reason why; because *waan iseen oolteef him/im beeku* I don't know why she was absent. *waan inni isee jibbeef naan galle (naa hin galle)*. Why he hated her is not clear to me. *waan uleen isaa dheerateef irraa muran* They cut

off a piece from his stick because it [the stick] was too long.  
**waanta** *pron* (usu takes *kana, sana, tokko*) this/that thing or stuff *waanta sana bor naa fidi* Bring me that stuff tomorrow. See also *waan* (2) above **waantattii** *pron* a term of address or reference to sb/sth one considers to be contemptible, diminutive, and worthless *waantattiin kun maal barbaaddi?* What does this puny, contemptible person want? *waantattii nana na dhiisi!* Leave me alone, you contemptible person! **waanti** *pron* 1 thing, i.e., any material object *waanti kun maal inni* What is this thing? *waanti qalqala kana keessa jiru maayinni?* What is (it that is) in this bag? 2 what *waanti inni jedhu naan galu (naa hin galu)*. I can't understand what he says. *wanti dhufe ha dhufu malee ani isatti hin eerumu* Come what may, I shall never marry him. 3 what, i.e., a term of reference to sb/sth one considers to be contemptible, diminutive, and worthless *waanti kun maal jetti amma iseen?* What is this worthless person saying now?  
**waanamalee** *adj* worthless; useless  
**waancaa** *n* 1 drinking cup/glass, usu made from buffalo horn 2 cup, i.e., vessel given as a prize to a winner in competitions; see also *geba*

**waangoo** Same as *wangoo*  
**waanjoo** *n* yoke, i.e., a wooden bar used for joining two oxen together (by placing it on their shoulders); see also *harqoota*  
**waanta** See *waan*  
**waantaa** 1 Same as *qalaadii* 2 Same as *gaachana*  
**waantattii** See *waan*  
**waanti** See *waan*  
**waantilee** *n* a very young calf  
**waanyituu** See *waanyuu*  
**waanyoo** See *waanyuu*  
**waanyuu** *iv* be jealous of *natti waanye* He became jealous of me.  
**waanyoo** *adj, n* jealous; jealousy  
**waanyituu** *adj* (of persons) jealous; see also *inaafuu*  
**waaq** See *waaqeffachuu*  
**waaqa** See *waaqeffachuu*  
**waaqaa** See *waaqeffachuu*  
**waaqaan buluu** See *waaqeffachuu*  
**waaqayyoo** Same as *waaq* under *waaqeffachuu*  
**waaqeffachuu** *tv* worship one God **waaq** *adv, n* 1 short form of *waaqa* below *waaq jira jettee karaa keessa hin ciisin* (saying) Don't say, "God will protect me" and lie in the middle of a street. [God protects those who protect themselves]. 2 (used when answering a question or when giving a negative answer) yes, sure/certainly; honest or honestly Speaker A: *dhugaa bor ni/in dhuftaa?* Are you coming tomorrow for sure? Speaker B: *eeyye, waaq nan dhufa* Yes, certainly, I will come. *waaq, ani*

*du'a isaa hin dhageenye* Honest, I didn't know that he died. **waaqa** *n* God, the Almighty, or the Creator **waaqaa** *n* (usu takes the various forms of *jedhuu*) for God's sake *waaqaa jedhi na dhiisi* For God's sake, leave me alone. **waaqaan buluu** *iv* believe in God and guide one's daily life on the basis of moral principles **waaqeffataa** *adj* (of males) believer in one God *ani* *waaqeffataa dha malee islaamaas kiristaanas miti* I'm a *waaqeffataa*; I'm neither a Moslim nor a Christian". **waaqeffattuu** *adj* (of females) believer in one God **waaqessuu** *tv* worship sb, i.e., feel an adoring reverence or regard for

**waaqeffataa** See *waaqeffachuu*  
**waaqeffattuu** See *waaqeffachuu*  
**waaqessuu** See *waaqeffachuu*  
**waaqilaalee** *n* stubby chilly/pepper, the pods of which stand in an upright position as if they look at the sky

**waardiiyyaa** *n* guard; sentry *waardiiyyaan achiin nama hin dabarsu* The sentry will not allow anybody to pass that way.  
**waardiiyyaa dhaabachuu** *iv* stand sentry *karra mana hidhaa irra waardiiyyaa lamatu dhaabbata* Two guards stand sentry over the gate of the prison.

**waardiiyyaa ijaajjuu** Same as *waardiiyyaa dhaabachuu* under *waardiiyyaa*

**waaree** *n* around noon time or midday, usu when the sun is very hot *guyyaa waaree manaa baye* He left about noon. *aduu waaree kana keessa eessa deemta?* Where are you going at this time of the day when the sun is hot? **waaree booda** *adv* afternoon *waaree booda kottu* Come in the afternoon. **waaree galgalaa** *adv* late afternoon **waaree ganamaa** *adv* late morning, i.e., just before noon

**waareessuu** *tv* wait until noon

**waareessuu** See *waaree*  
**waarii** See *waari'uu*  
**waarii dheeraa** See *waari'uu*  
**waarisiisaa** See *waari'uu*  
**waarisiisuu** See *waari'uu*  
**waari'uu** *iv* be late at night *waari'eera* It is late at night.

**waarii** *n* time between about 7 PM and about 12 PM, usu associated with intense darkness; the midnight hours *alkaan waarii dhufee balbala bani naan jedhe* He came at about midnight and asked me to open the door. **waarii dheeraa** *n* evening period of time that drags **waarisiisaa** *n* dancing and singing performed every evening (for about a week) by neighbors and friends at a wedding **waarisiisuu** *tv* wait or stay up until about midnight before retiring *eda waarisiseen rafe* I stayed up until about midnight last night and went to bed.

**waariyuu** Same as *waari'uu*

**waaroo** *n* dark cloak or cape made from sheep hair

**waarsaa** *n* 1 the brother of one's husband or the wife of one's brother 2 leman, lover, or mistress, i.e., a woman/ man who has a regular sexual relationship with a man/ woman to whom he/ she is not married; paramour *iseen waarsaa keeti moo haadha manaa keeti aabee?* Is she your mistress or wife, pal?

**waaruu** *iv* live long

**waashii** Same as *lamxii* (1)

**waashilee** *adj* white

**waasii** *n* guarantor/surety, i.e., a person who stands bail for sb  
**waasii dhaan bawuu** *iv* be out on bail, i.e., be free after presenting a guarantor *mana hidhaatii waasii dhaan baye* He was released from prison on bail. **waasii namaa ta'uu** *tv* stand surety for sb; go/stand bail for sb; bail sb out, i.e., obtain freedom for sb by accepting to be his/her guarantor *isatu waasii naa ta'e* He was the one who stood bail/surety for me. **waasii waamuu** *tv* give bail; present a guarantor *akka isa na irraa liqeeffattee kana daftee kafaltu waasii waami* Guarantee that you pay your debts soon.

**waata** *n* a craftsman or artisan who does a skilled job, usually one who makes pottery or leather from animal skin

**waatii** *n* a very young calf of a cow

**waatiyyoo** Same as *waatii*

**waatoo** *adj*, *n* 1 a kind of tree from which a dye is made 2 red

**waawuu** (expression) no, i.e., opposite of "yes", usu used in response to a question Speaker A: *irbaata kee nyaattee?* Have you eaten your dinner? Speaker B: *waawuu* No. *waawu ani maqaa isaa him/im beeku* No, I don't know his name. *waawu akkana natti hin dubbatin* No, don't talk to me like that!

**waayee** Same as *waa'ee*

**waayila** Same as *waa'ela*

**waayyuu** *n* a respectable person

**wabaxa** *n* porridge a woman eats during her confinement after childbirth

**wabayoo** *n* a kind of tree

**wabee** *n* stingless bee

**wabii** *n* 1 mouthpiece or spokesman *maal ati wabii isetii?* Why, are you her spokesperson? 2 guarantor

**waca** See *wacuu*

**waca simbiraa** See *wacuu*

**wacaafaa** Same as *furrisa* under *furrisuu*

**wacafoo** *n* a type of gun

**wacaqa** *adj* plenty; a lot *barana Buree midhaan'wacaqa* This year there are plenty of food items in Bure. See also *baay'ee*, *danuu*, or *hedduu*

**wacaraa** *n* a young, female donkey

**wacca'uu** *iv* 1 writhe, i.e., roll or kick about in pain as animals do just before or immediately after being slaughtered *hoolaun kun lubbuun keessaa bawuu didee waccaati* This slaughtered sheep is not dead yet; it is still writhing in pain. 2 toss and turn, i.e., roll from side to side, *usu* while sleeping *eda asii fi achi waccayaa bule* He tossed and turned all night last night.

**waccisiisuu** See *wacuu*

**waccisuu** See *wacuu*

**wacuu**<sup>1</sup> Same as *uccuu*

**wacuu**<sup>2</sup> See *wacuu*

**waciitii** *n* small, earthen plate in which, *usu* porridge is served

**wacuu** *iv* 1 (*usu* used of persons) be noisy, make a din, or too much noise; shout *ijoolleen awuu taphatanu ni/in wacu* Children make a din when they play.

*ijoollee nana, asitti hin wacina* Children, please don't make a din here. 2 (of water) bubble or boil away with sizzling or sputtering sound *bishaan waceera abidda irraa baasi* The water in the vessel has bubbled, so take it off the fire. **waca** *n* din of persons, or of water that is being boiled; noise *namni dhukkubsatu waca hin jaal'atu* People who are ill can't stand a din. **waca simbiraa** *adv* early in the morning, i.e., about 6 a.m. *waca simbiraa manaa baye* He left early in the morning.

**waccisiisuu** *tv* cause to make din or too much noise *ijoollee asitti*

*hin waccisiisin* Don't let the children make a din around here. **waccisuu** *tv* make two or more people shout at each other and stop listening to each other **wacuu** *adj* (of persons) noisy

**wacwacoo** *n* 1 mongoose 2 Same as *focii*

**wadaajaa** *n* overnight praying spree accompanied by formalities such as chewing *caatii*, drinking coffee, singing religious songs, etc.

**wadaay-allaachoo** *n* a kind of a big bird

**wadala** *n* 1 he-donkey or jackass, i.e., male donkey *harree wadala* a male donkey 2 (fig) [derogatory] bulky *namicha wadala kana fardi koo baachuu ni/in danda'aa?* Can my horse carry this bulky man?

**wadaroo** *n* strong and long rope, *usu* used for hoisting/lowering bee hives or for climbing a tree

**waddeessa** *n* a kind of tree

**waddeysa** Same as *waddeessa*

**wadduu** Same as *waaduu*

**wadhakkaa** Same as *wallakkaa*

**wadoo** *n* habit or wont, *usu* offensive and uncomprising *nama arrabsuun wadoo isaati* Insulting people is his habit. *kanaan duras dhukkubsatee ture. wadoo isaatu itti ka'e* It is not new for him to be sick; it is his wont.

**wa'ela** *n* a child born out of wedlock; bastard

**waga**<sup>1</sup> *adj* forbidden; banned *kun waan waga qabu* This is forbidden.



**waga**<sup>2</sup> See *waguu*  
**waga'amu** See *waga'uu*  
**wagaasisuu** See *waga'uu*  
**wagaasuu** See *waga'uu*  
**wagamuu** See *waguu*  
**wagara** *n* a kind of tree  
**wagaree** *n* a kind of sorghum that is usu grown in lowland regions  
**waga'uu** *tv* feed a baby, a calf, a lamb, or a kid (baby goat) by first pouring milk into a cupped hand and then into the baby's mouth, a common practice before the introduction of a feeding bottle *arka isee saamunaa dhaan dhiqattee mucaa wagaate* She washed her hands with soap and made the baby drink milk from her cupped hand. **waga'amu** *tv* (passive) be fed/or made to drink milk from a cupped hand  
**wagaasisuu** *tv* casue a baby to drink milk from a cupped hand  
**wagaasuu** *n* the act of feeding a baby or a young animal by first pouring milk into a cupped hand and then into a baby's mouth, an act similar to that of bottle feeding *mucaan kun armaan osoo hin ta'in wagaasuu dhaan guddate* This child was brought up on the bottle, or milk from a cupped hand, not breast-fed.  
**wagga waggaa dhaan** See *waggaa*  
**wagga waggaan** Same as *wagga waggaa dhaan* above **wagga waggaatti** Same as *wagga waggaa dhaan* above **waggaa** *n* year; age *dikshinari* Afaan Oromoo kana qopheessuun waagaa heddu fixe

Preparing this dictionary took many years. *waggaa darbe eessa turte* Where were you last year?  
*waggaa kana du'e* He died this year. *intalli isaa waggaa dhufu eerumti* His daughter will get married next year. *ati eega dhalattee waggaa meeqa?* What's your age/How old are you (lit how many years since you were born)? **wagga waggaa dhaan** *adv* every year, year in year out, or yearly *wagga waggaa dhaan deessi* She gives birth to a child yearly. *wagga waggaa dhaan kanuma dubbata* He says the same thing year in year out.  
**waguu** *iv* beg money, clothes, etc. earnestly **waga** *n* begging  
**wagsiisuu** *tv* cause sb to beg  
**wagamuu** *tv* (passive) be begged  
**wahuu** Same as *humaa*  
**wajaawwaja** Same as *wajaawwajii* under *wajaawwajuu*  
**wajaawwajamuu** See *wajaawwajuu*  
**wajaawwajjii** See *wajaawwajuu*  
**wajaawwajuu** *tv* cause sb to be in a hurry to the point of putting him/her under tension *na hin wajjowajjin qalbii dhaanin hojjadhaa* Don't drive me too much; I want to work slowly and carefully. **wajaawwajamuu** *tv* (passive) be hurried too much  
**wajaawwajjii** *n* (usu of people at a market) in a hurry; hurry-scurry *gabaa wajaawwajjii akkanaa keessa kan hattuun nama hattu* It is at this kind of market where

everybody is in a hurry that  
thieves steal (from people).

**wajaga** See *wajaguu*

**wajagamaa** Same as *wajagaa*  
under *wajaguu*

**wajagamtuu** See *wajaguu*

**wajagduu** See *wajaguu*

**wajagee** Same as *wajagduu* under  
*wajaguu*

**wajagsuu** See *wajaguu*

**wajaguu** *iv, tv* 1 (implies excess)  
bustle, hurry, or hustle *maaliif*  
*akkana wajagaa?* Why is he  
busling and hustling so much?  
*nan (na hin) wajagin* Don't hurry  
me. 2 Same as *fajajuu* (2) 3 be  
shameless; see also *ija baasuu*  
under *ija* **wajaga** *n* hurry; hustle  
bustle **wajagaa** *adj* usu of male  
humans that are always in a  
hurry *namichi wajagaan kun*  
*tasuma aara hin galfatu* This man  
is always in a hurry; he never  
rests. **wajagamtuu** *adj* of a  
person who is always in a hurry  
and who drives himself/herself  
very hard **wajagduu** *n* hustler or  
one who drives himself/  
herself very hard **wajagsuu** *tv*  
cause to bustle, hurry, or hustle  
too much; drive or overwork sb  
*suuta ha hojjatuu akkana isa hin*  
*wajagsin* Let him work at normal  
speed; don't drive him too hard.

**wajawwajjii** Same as *wajaawwajjii*  
under *wajaawwajuu*

**wajiiija** See *wajiijuu*

**wajiiijaa** See *wajiijuu*

**wajiijuu** *iv* (usu used of metal or  
cooking earthenware) be red-

hot; glow or be overheated  
*jabanaan kun ni/in wajiije* The  
coffee pot has become red-hot.

**wajiiija** *n* big fire **wajiiijaa** *adj*  
glowing or red-hot *eelee*  
*wajiiijaatti naqeen bunni koo*  
*tokkichumaan na duraa gubate* My  
coffee beans burned instantly  
because I spread them on a red-  
hot pan.

**wajjin** *prep* together with; with,  
i.e., as a companion or  
accompanying; examples of  
verbs that precede *wajjin* are:  
(*baduu*) *sodaatanii wajjin badan*  
They fled together in fear.  
(*bawuu*) *anii fi inni wajjin biyyaa*  
*baane* He and I left the village  
together. (*buluu*) *nu wajjin bule*  
He stayed the night with us.  
(*deemuu*) *bor wajjin deemna* We  
will go together tomorrow.  
(*dhaquu*) *ani isa wajjin gabaa hin*  
*dhaqu* I won't go to the market  
with him. (*dhufuu*) *isee wajjin*  
*dhufe* He came with her. (*ergisuu*;  
takes sth) *gindoo sangaa wajjin*  
*naa ergise* He lent me a yoke of  
oxen along with a plow. (*galuu*)  
*wajjin Bachootti galan* They  
went/moved to Bachoo  
together. (*hidhamuu*) *wajjin*  
*hindhamne* We were impris-  
oned together. (*kottaa*) *wajjin*  
*kottaa* (you, pl) Come together.  
(*kottu*) *isa wajjin kottu* (you, sing)  
Come with him. (*ojjachuu*) *wajjin*  
*ojjanne* We worked together.  
(*qalachuu*) *isa wajjin oolaa qalanne*  
We slaughtered a lamb together.

(*taphachuu*) **wajjin taphadhaa** Play together. **wajjin kaanee** *n* close friends who grew up together *wajjin kaaneen gaafa golfaa si hin gatu* A close friend is always there for you, even when you are afflicted with typhus. **wajjin rafuu** *iv* (can be vulgar, depending on its context) **1** sleep together, i.e., have sex with a woman **2** sleep together, just as friends

**wajuufuu** *iv* (*usu* takes *-itti*) redouble one's efforts and complete what one has started to do

**wakkallee** *n* rabbit; *wakkallee yaa cooma isee; waan iseen nyaattu him/im beekanu; wanbadee yaa koora isee waan iseen yaaddu him/im beekanu* (poem) A rabbit is fat, but no one knows what it eats; a vagabond is haughty, but no one knows what he may be up to. See also *illentii/ hilleensa* **wal pron** (combins with verbs and few prepositions; used as the object of a transitive verb or a preposition) each other; one another. Here are examples, some of which are highlighted because they are idioms *wal abaaruu* curse each other *wal ajjeesuu* kill each other *wal arguu* see each other often **wal aa'uu** Same as *wal diduu* below **wal barbaaduu** *tv* **1** look for each other or for one another *kaleessa wal barbaadaa oolan* They were looking for each other yesterday.

**2** be/get after each other/one another (to kill or punish) *eega wal lolani asi wal barbaadu* Ever since they quarreled, they have been after each other. **wal baruu** *tv* be introduced to each other, i.e., be acquainted with or know each other by name, etc. *Gammachuu, Tolaa dhaan wal baraa* Gammachuu, meet Tolaa **wal bilcheessuu** *tv* make each other angry; trouble each other *wal bira* beside each other *wal bira taa'aa* Sit beside each other. **wal bobeessuu** Same as *wal bilcheessuu* above *wal bukkee* Same as *wal bira* above **wal busheessuu** *tv* belittle or disparage each other **wal cabsuu** *tv* slight each other **wal dabaluu** mix with each other **wal dhaba** *n* misunderstand-ing and hatred *arrabsoon wal dhaba fida* Insults cause misunderstanding. **wal dhabiisa** Same as *wal dhaba* above **wal dhabsiisuu** *tv* cause to hate or misunderstand each other **wal dhabuu** *iv* hate each/ fight each other **wal diduu** *iv* quarrel with each other *yoom wal didan?* When did they quarrel? **wal dubbisuu** *iv* visit each other and talk to each other *wal hin dubbisanu* They don't visit each other. **wal faana** *adv* simultaneously *wal faan manaa bayani* They left simultaneously, i.e., one after the other at the same time **wal fixuu** *iv* finish

each other, i.e., kill each other  
*jara kana wali irraa qabaa wal fixuu*  
 Separate these men; otherwise,  
 they will kill each other. **wal**  
**gaafachuu** Same as *wal dubbisuu*  
 above **wal ga'a** Same as *wal gayii*  
 below **wal ganuu** *iv* betray each  
 other *wal ganan* They betrayed  
 each other. *wal gargaaruu* help  
 each other **wal gawuu** *iv* go  
 round, i.e., be enough for  
 everyone to get his/her share  
*nyaati wal hin geenye* There  
 wasn't enough food to go round.  
**wal gayii** *n* meeting *wal gayii*  
*borii hin oolin* Don't fail to show  
 up for tomorrow's meeting. **wal**  
**geettii** Same as *wal gayii* above  
**wal gituu** *iv* be equal to, usu in  
 age, height, length, strength, etc.  
*jarri lamaan humnaan wal hin*  
*gitanu* They are not equal in  
 strength. **Afaan wal gogsuu** *iv*  
 wrangle with each other (lit dry  
 up each other by too much talk)  
*wal gorsuu* advise each other **wal**  
**gu'uuma** *n* qorum, i.e., the  
 smallest number of members of  
 a committee that is required  
 before a meeting is allowed to  
 begin officially **wal gubuu** Same  
 as *wal bilcheessuu* above *wal*  
*hamachuu* back bite each other  
**wal hiikuu** *iv* officially end a  
 marriage between a husband  
 and wife *wal hiiku barbaadu* They  
 want to get divorced. **wal irraa**  
**kutuu** *iv* come between two  
 persons, cause trouble between  
 them and spoil their relation-

ship *iseetu anaa fi obboleetti koo*  
*wal irraa kute* She was the one  
 who came between my sister  
 and me. *wal jaal'achuu iv*  
 love/like each other **wal**  
**jabeessuu** *tv* encourage/  
 support each other morally,  
 materially, etc. *osoo wal jabeessuu*  
*baannee bara darbe him/im baanu*  
*turee* If we hadn't encouraged or  
 supported each other, we  
 wouldn't have managed to  
 survive last year. **wal jelaa**  
**qabuu** *tv* (usu applies to choral  
 singing) support each other, i.e.,  
 support the sololist by singing  
 the refrain properly *wal jelaa*  
*qabanu malee sirbi him/im bareedu*  
 Unless the group supports the  
 sololist by singing the refrain  
 properly, group singing won't  
 be effective. *wal jibbuu tv* hate  
 each other **wal keessa** *n* (takes  
 the various forms of *bituu* or  
*gurguruu*) a business trick by  
 which a seller forces a buyer to  
 buy a slow-moving item along  
 with a fast-moving item; similar  
 to a package deal or offer *bunaa*  
*fi soogidda wal keessa yoo bitte*  
*malee soogidda duwwaa sitti hin*  
*gurguru* I won't sell you salt  
 alone unless you also buy coffee  
 along with it. **wal kibuu** *tv* (usu  
 of goats and sheep) butt each  
 other **wal loluu** Same as *wal*  
*diduu* above **wal murachuu**  
 Same as *wal hamachuu* above **wal**  
**muruu** *tv* fail to agree with ech  
 other **wal nyaachuu** Same as *wal*

*diduu* aboe **wal qabuu** *tv* (usu of cattle) grapple with each other over, i.e., fight *kaleessa sangoonni wal qabanii boolla wal buusan* Yesterday the bulls grappled with each other and threw each other into a ditch. **wal qixxee** *adj* same in age, amount, number, size, etc. *hojjaa dhaan nu lamaan wal qixxee miti* The two of us are not equal in height. **wal qooraasuu** *tv* hit each other, usu with a stick *kaleessa ulee dhaan wal qoraasaa oolan* Yesterday they were hitting each other all day. **wal ta'uu** *tv* understand each other or agree with each other completely *wal taatanu malee kaayyoo keessan fixaan him/im baafattanu* Unless you agree among yourselves completely, you can't achieve your objectives. *wal tuffachuu* *tv* despise each other **wal tuquu** Same as *wal diduu* **wal xinneesuu** Same as *wal cabsuu* **wal'aalaa** See *wal'aaluu* **wal'aalchisaa** See *wal'aaluu* **wal'aalchisuu** See *wal'aaluu* **wal'aalina** See *wal'aaluu* **wal'aaltuu** See *wal'aaluu* **wal'aaluma** Same as *wal'aalina* under *wal'aaluu* **wal'aaluu** *iv* **1** be ignorant; not know *eeboo koo lafan kaayen wal'aale* I don't know where I put my spear. *mucaan isee dhukkubsannaan waan gootu wal'aaltee na waamte* She didn't know what to do when her child

became ill, so she sent for me. *wal'aalee baleesse malee beekaa miti* He did wrong from/through ignorance, not deliberately. **2** unable to recognize/know *jaartiin kun ijaa dulloomte na wal'aalte* This old woman has become so senile that she is unable to recognize me. *sin wal'aale; eessatti wal argine?* I can't recognize you: where did we meet? **3** (takes of) be unconscious or go into a coma, usu from injury or illness *kaleessa xinnoo wayyaa itti qaba ture har'a ofi wal'aale malee* He was a little better yesterday, but today he has gone into a coma. **wal'aalaa** *adj* (of male humans) ignorant *beekaa wal'aalaa ofi fakkeessa malee waan baay'ee beeka* He knows many things, but he pretends to be ignorant. **wal'aalchisaa** *adj* (of sth too difficult to understand or solve) baffling, befuddling, bewildering, confusing, perplexing, or puzzling *dhukkubi isaa him/im baramne; wal'aalchisaa dha* The nature of his illness is puzzling. **wal'aalchisuu** *tv* **1** cause not know / recognize; stupefy *dukkannatu si na wal'aalchise* It was because of the darkness that I couldn't recognize you. *machiitu ofi na wal'aalchise* I was stupefied with alcoholic drink. **2** baffle, bewilder, confuse, perplex, or puzzle *dhukkubi isaa na wal'aalchiseera* The nature of his disease has

baffled me. **wal'aalina** *n* ignorance *wal'aalina balleessuu kan dandeenyu duraan dursinee saba keenya qubee barsiisuun barbaachisaa dha* To be able to wipe out ignorance, first we have to begin by teaching our people the Oromo alphabet.

**wal'laaltuu** *adj* (of persons) ignorant; illiterate *haati manaa isaa dubbisuu fi katabuu him/in barre; wal'aaltuu dha* His wife has not yet learned to read and write; she is illiterate. *namichi kun wal'aaltuu dha* This man is ignorant.

**wal'aana** Same as *wal'aansa* under *wal'aanuu*

**wal'aanachuu** Same as *wal'aannachuu* under *wal'aanuu*

**wal'aanamuu** See *wal'aanuu*

**wal'aannachuu** See *wal'aanuu*

**wal'aannamuu** Same as *wal'aanamuu* under *wal'aanuu*

**wal'aansa** See *wal'aanuu*

**wal'aansisuu** See *wal'aanuu*

**wal'aansoo** *n* 1 wrestling *wal'aansoo dhaan isatu na moowa*

He beats me at wrestling. 2

struggle *sabi bal'aan wal'aansoo*

*dhaan bilisa argata* The broad

masses achieve independence

through struggle. **wal'aansoo**

**namaan qabuu** *tv* wrestle/struggle with sb *wal'aansoo naan qabee na kuffise* He wrestled with me and threw me down to the ground.

**wal'aantuu** See *wal'aanuu*

**wal'aanuu** *tv* nurse, i.e., look after sb, usu sb who is ill, injured, disabled, or old by providing proper diet and care *haadha manaa kootu na wal'aanee na fayyise* My wife nursed me (i.e., fed me nourishing food) and cured me of my disease.

**wal'aanamuu** *tv* (passive) be nursed and cared for *wal'aanamtee fayyite* She became well after she had been nursed.

**wal'aannachuu** *tv* nurse and care for sb (for self) *dhibama ofii abbaatuu wal'aannata* In the final analysis, the afflicted person is responsible for nursing his/her illness. **wal'aansa** *n* proper care and nourishment *mucaan isee wal'aansa dhabee du'e* Her child died for lack of proper care and diet. **wal'aansisuu** *tv* cause to care for sb **wal'aantuu** *n* nurse; care provider *ali al wal'aantuun wal'aansa hin argattu* Sometimes, a care provider is not reciprocated.

**walaansaa** *n* 1 mattress 2 carpet

**walaba**<sup>1</sup> Same as *bilisa*

**walaba**<sup>2</sup> *n* an unmarried girl

*walabi qobaa gabaa him/im baatu*

An unmarried girl should not go to a market alone, i.e., she has to be accompanied by a relative or close friend.

**walabooma baafachuu** *iv* go to a funeral as group

**walabummaa** Same as *bilisummaa*

**walakkaa** *n* 1 half (1/2) *boqqolloon ani kaleessa bite walakkaan isaa*

*tortoraa dha* Half of the corn I bought yesterday is rotten.  
*mucaan inni kun waggaa lamaa fi walakkaa dha* This child is two and a half years old. **2** center or middle, i.e., point, position, or part which is at/ about an equal distance from two or more points *walkkaan mana kanaa utubaa kana* The center of this house is where this pillar is.  
*Waldaa Maccaa fi Tuulamaa* Maccaa and Tuulamaa Association *Waldaa Haawaasaa Oromo New Yorkii Oromo Diaspora Association of New York* **3** center, heart, or middle, i.e., the central or innermost part *caakkaa walakkaatti na gatee gale* He abandoned me in the heart of the forest and came home.  
**walakkaa arkaa** *n* palm  
**walakkaa fudhachuu** *tv* (applies to a landless man) agree to farm or cultivate sb's land and share the crop **walakkaa qotuu** Same as *qixxee qotuu* under *qixxaachuu*  
**wlakkeessuu** *tv* cause to be half  
**walakkeessuu** See *walakkaa*  
**walalaa** *n* **1** pure, viscous honey after it has been squeezed out of the honeycomb **2** (fig) [takes *damma*] honey, i.e., sweet one/ dear *yaa damma walalaa been si fudheen galaa* (From Ali Birraa's song) Common honey, let me take you home with me.  
**walaloo** *n* lyrics, i.e., lyric verse composed for singing; poem *walaloo isee na dhageessifte* She let

me listen to her lyric verse/poem. **walaloo baasuu** *tv* lead the choir or the singing *mee ati walaloo nuu baasi* You lead the singing for us, please. **wallee** *n* one who is good at singing, dancing, and/or leading a choir *haati isaa wallee dha* His mother is an excellent singer.  
**waldaa** *n* **1** border, boundary, check point, or frontier, i.e., a defined terminating line of land, a city, a country, and the like *hattuun sa'a baaftettii waldaa waldaatti eegaa* A thief has just stolen a cow, so guard every check point. See also *daangaa* **2** assembly or association *waldaan qotee bulaa keenyaa soorressa* Our Farmers' Association is rich.  
*waldaa faannoo diima* Red cross Association **3** a place where tributaries meet/mix and become a big river; cross roads  
**waldayaa** Same as *waldaa*  
**waldhaansoo** Same as *wal'aansoo*  
**wal diduu** See *wal*  
**waldiigessa** *n* aardvark; see also *awwaal diigessa*  
**walee** *n* communal ownership of property *qabeenyaa walee* a property shared by two or more members  
**waleensuu** *n* a kind of tree [erythrina abyssinica; E brucei]  
**wal gawuu** See *wal*  
**walii** *pron* for each other; for one another *mataa walii aadu* They are shaving one another. *dudda walii rirritan* They rubbed each other's

back, i.e., washed each other's back. Here are some more examples: **walii bawuu** *tv* hate completely and stop having a relationship with *walii baaneerra*; *walitti hin deebinu* We have severed our relationship completely; no returning. **walii beekuu** *tv* know each other's wants, desires well (even without being told) *hiriyaan walii beekti* Good friends know each other's problems even without being told **walii dhiisuu** *tv* forgive each other *walii dhiisaa araaramaa* Forgive each other; be friends again. **walii dhimmuu** *tv* be considerate and show concern for each other **walii dhukkubsachuu** Same as *walii inaafuu* below. **walii fixachuu** *tv* 1 hate each other completely; see also *walii bawuu* above 2 remove every grudge from one's system and be reconciled completely *walii fixatanii araaramaniiru* They are completely reconciled. **walii galtee** *n* understanding *yoo walii galtee dhaan ojatan malee ojiin achi hin siqu* If there is no complete understanding between workers, whatever project they are working on will not progress. **walii galuu** *iv* agree; be friendly/be in harmony, or get along with each other or with one another *jarri lamaan tasa walii hin galanu* The two of them can never get along with each

other. **walii hiluu** Same as *walii ooguu* below  
**walii inaafuu** *iv* feel for sb, i.e., have sympathy for *hiriya dhuqaa isa naa inaafun qaba* I have a true friend who feels for me. **walii lama** *adj* different *namni walii lama*; *tokko miti* People are not the same. They are different. **walii looguu** *tv* support each other at any cost, even if it means lying for **walii nawuu** Same as *walii beekuu* above **walii ooguu** *iv* be concerned for each other's well-being *walii oogu malee nama biraatii hin yaadanu* They are concerned only for each other's well-being; they don't care about other people. **walii ta'uu** *iv* (usu used of persons; usu interrogative or negative) be compatible with each other; be cut for each other *intalli isaatii fi ilmi koo walii hin ta'anu* His daughter and my son are not cut for each other; they are not compatible with each other. **walii tufuu** Same as *walii dhiisuu* above **walii wal'aaluu** *iv* be unable to see the difference; be unable to distinguish one thing from another  
**waliin**<sup>1</sup> *pron* against/to/with each other/one another Here are some examples: *waliin dhawuu* mix up; cloud/confuse the issue *dubbii waliin hin dhayin* Don't confuse/cloud the issue. **waliin gawuu** *tv* make sth go round/around, i.e., make sure



that everyone gets his/her share  
*aragee waliin gayi* Make the arack  
 go round/around. **waliin**  
**jechuu** *iv* say sth to each other  
*maal waliin jedhan* What did they  
 say to each other? **waliin laaquu**  
 Same as *waliin dhawuu* above  
**waliin morkachuu** *tv* argue or  
 compete with each other *waliin*  
*hin morkatinaa; ka'aa balbala cufaa*  
 Don't argue with each other; get  
 up and close the door. **waliin**  
**mormuu** *tv* oppose each other  
*waliin mormuu jaal'atu* They like  
 to oppose each other. **waliin**  
**ooduu** *tv* sulk; stop speaking  
 with each other *waliin oodu* They  
 are not on speaking terms with  
 each other.

**waliin**<sup>2</sup> Same as *wajjin*

**walitti** *pron* to/towards/with  
 each other; here are some  
 examples: **walitti araaramuu** *iv*  
 be reconciled to each other  
*walitti araaramuu didan* They  
 refused to become reconciled  
 with each other. **walitti araarsuu**  
*tv* cause to be recon-ciled with  
 each other **walitti boowuu** *iv* cry  
 for joy (to each other) *ijaa turanii*  
*wal arganiif walitti boowu* Each of  
 them is crying for joy after  
 seeing one another after long  
 separation. **walitti darbachuu** *tv*  
 throw sth to each other *eeboo*  
*walitti darbatan* They threw a  
 spear at each othe. **walitti**  
**fayyuu** *tv* stick, i.e., become  
 joined; see *fayyuu* (2) **walitti**  
**fufuu** *tv* Same as *fufuu* (1)

**walitti fuudhuu** 1 Same as  
*walitti araarsuu* above 2 Same as  
*walitti qabuu* below **walitti**  
**hidhuu** See *hidhuu* **walitti**  
**iiyyuu** *iv* shout or yell at each  
 other **walitti kaphephsuu** *tv*  
 unite or put together, usu sth  
 difficult to unite **walitti kolfuu**  
*iv* laugh at each other **walitti**  
**makuu** *tv* mix together  
**walitti maluu** *tv* intrigue or  
 scheme against each other  
**walitti naquu** *tv* cause people to  
 fight with each other; pit against  
*fira walitte naqxe* She pitted  
 relatives against each other.  
**walitti qabuu** *tv* bring/gather  
 together the scattered pieces of  
 firewood, etc., *qoraan walitti qabii*  
*hidhi* collect the pieces of  
 firewood together and tie it.  
**walitti siquu** *iv* sit close to each  
 other *walitti siqaa taa'aa* Sit closer  
 to each other. **walitti wacuu**  
 Same as *walitti iiyyuu* above  
**walittii** *pron* from each other;  
 from one another **walittii cituu**  
*iv* break with, i.e., end a friendly  
 relationship *walittii citaniiru*  
 They have ended their  
 relationship. **walittii fageessuu**  
*iv* plant, put, etc. far away from  
 each other or one another *muka*  
*kana walittii fageessii dhaabi* Plant  
 these trees far away from each  
 other. **walittii kutuu** *tv* cause  
 friends, relatives, etc. to end  
 relationship by sneaking on or  
 by acting as a telltale does  
**walittii qabuu** *tv* separate

fighting animals or persons  
*ijoolleen kun wal ajjeesuu walittii qabaa* These kids will kill each other; separate them.

**walkaa** Same as *walakkaa*

**walla** *n* name of the 5<sup>th</sup> day of a lunar month

**wallaalaa** Same as *wal'aalaa* under *wal'aaluu*

**wallaalchisaa** Same as *wal'aalchisaa* under *wal'aaluu*

**wallaalchisuu** Same as *wal'aalchisuu* under *wal'aaluu*

**wallaalina** Same as *wal'aalina* under *wal'aaluu*

**wallaaltuu** Same as *wal'aaltuu* under *wal'aaluu*

**wallaaluma** Same as *wal'aalina* under *wal'aaluu*

**wallaaluu** Same as *wal'aaluu*

**wallee**<sup>1</sup> See *walaloo*

**wallee**<sup>2</sup> Same as *laata*

**wallisiiisuu** See *wallisuu*

**wallisuu** *iv* sing *gowwaan udaan irra taa'ee wallisa* [saying] A fool things while defecating.

**wallisiiisuu** *tv* cause to sing by begging/requesting, etc

**walloo** Same as *tuggoo* (1)

**waloo** *n* collective *itti gaafatama waloo fi itti gaafatama mata mataa* collective and individual responsibility

**waltajjii** *n* center, i.e., a place, a building, etc. where people meet

**waltajjummaa** *n* centralism, i.e., a centralizing system in which one central authority gives orders, instructions, etc.

**waltiffa** *n* common ownership  
*jirrbi waltiffa qotannee booddee hiranna* We will farm cotton in common and share it equally later.

**wambadee** Same as *wanbadee*

**wanbadee** *adj* (of a person; probably *waan badduu*) one who is morally loose/lost soul; crooked, rascal, rogue, ruffian, scoundrel, spoiled, robber, or villain; fallen *dubartii wanbadee* a lost/fallen woman *wanbadeetu naa saame* A bad guy robbed me.

**wandabiitii** Same as *wandaboo*

**wandaboo** *n* a heavy dress with long sleeves; woman's shirt

**wandaqa** (archaic) slave

**wandaqummaa** *n* slavery  
*wandaqummaan ammayyuu dhoksaa dhaan itti fufeera* Even now slavery is taking place under the table.

**wandaroo** Same as *awandaroo*

**wangoo** *n* fox; jackal

**wanjala** *n* (probably corruption of *waan jal'aa* crooked) crime  
*wanjala tokko malee isa hidhan* They imprisoned him although he didn't commit any crime.

**wanna** *n* thingamy, thingamabob, thingumabob, thingumajib, or thingummy) what's its name, what d'you call it, or what you may call it, i.e., used for sth the exact name of which has been forgotten or is not known *wanna qabdaa?* Do you have, what d'you call it? *wannan kaleessa bite sana eessa keesse?* Where did you

put the thingumabob I bought yesterday?

**wannoo** Same as *wanna*

**wanta** Same as *waan*

**wantaa** Same as *qalaadii*

**waqafa** *adj* necessary, essential, or important

**waqara** *adj* 1 of a horse that is good only for carrying goods not for riding *farda waqara* a pack horse; see also *gaanyaa*

**waqaraa** See *waqaruu*

**waqaramuu** See *waqaruu*

**waqarii** *adj, n* 1 Same as *waqaraa* under *waqaruu* 2 ageless; ever young 3 lecherous; lustful, usu of a man

**waqarsiisuu** See *waqaruu*

**waqaruu** *tv* 1 sharpen the upper and nether stone by lightly striking its smooth, dull, bald surface here and there so as to roughen it *dhagaa waqarti* She is sharpening a grinding/mill stone 2 (fig) have a splitting headache, i.e., so severe that one feels as if one is struck *kun bowwu miti; inuma na waqara* I have a splitting headache.

**waqaraa** *n* a small, round stone for sharpening the upper and the lower or nether stone

**waqaramuu** *tv* (passive) be sharpened *dhagaan waqaramee?* Is the millstone sharpened?

**waqarsiisuu** *tv* cause to sharpen a millstone or a nether stone *intala isee dhagaa waqarsiifti* She is letting her daughter sharpen the upper and/or the nether stone.

**waqartii** Same as *waqaraa* under *waqaruu*

**waqeeta** *n* 1 a standard measure or weight of gold *warqee waqeeta tokko* a measure of gold 2 quantity that can be held in a cupped hand; handful, i.e., as much as can be held in one hand *mee buna waqeeta tokko naa liqeessi* Please lend me a handful of coffee beans.

**waraabamuu** See *waraabuu*

**waraabbachuu** See *waraabuu*

**waraabbachuu** See *waraabuu*

**waraabessa** *n* 1 hyena; see also *arrittaa* 2 [fig] evil-eyed person; eye-biter **waraabettii** *n* female hyena; female eye-biter

**waraabettii** See *waraabessa*

**waraabeysa** Same as *waraabessa*

**waraabii** *n* a variety of sorghum

**waraaboo** Same as *waraabessa*

**waraabsisuu** See *waraabuu*

**waraabuu**<sup>1</sup> *tv* 1 draw water from/out of a river, a spring, a well, etc. with a gourd cup, a tin can, a bucket, etc. and pour it in a jar or a similar container to be carried home *bishaan kana Cooree moo Kofalee waraabde?* From which spring did you draw this water: from Cooree or Kofalee? 2 (coinage) tape or record a sound on magnetic tape **waraabamuu** *tv* (passive) be drawn or be taped **waraabbachuu** 1 draw water from spring, etc. for self *har'a bishaan uuroo meeqa waraabbatte?* How many jars of water have you drawn for

yourself? **2** tape or record for self  
**waraabsisuu** *tv* **1** cause to draw  
water *intala xinnoo kana maaliif*  
*bishaahn waraabsifta?* Why do you  
make this little girl draw water?

**2** cause to tape

**waraabuu**<sup>2</sup> Short form for

*waraabessa*

**waraana** See *waraanuu*

**waraanaa** *n* gadfly; see also *faacha*  
(2)

**waraanamuu** See *waraanuu*

**waraannachuu** See *waraanuu*

**waraansa** See *waraanuu*

**waraansilee** Same as *qabattoo* (1)

**waraansisuu** See *waraanuu*

**waraantoo** Same as *waranaxoo*

**waraanuu** *iv, tv* **1** prick, i.e., hurt  
with a sharp point *qoraattiituu*  
*miilla na waraane* A thorn pricked  
my foot. **2** bayonet, gore, knife,  
pink, spear, stab, or transfix  
*sangaatuu waraanee isa ajjeese* A  
bull gored him fatally. *diina lama*  
*saanjaa dhaan waraanee ajjeese* He  
bayoneted two enemies to death.  
*cuubee dhaan si'a lama fagaara isaa*  
*irra waraante* She knifed/pinked  
him on his buttocks twice.

*daljeessa waraanan* They speared  
a baboon. *arban fullaasa waraane*  
*jedhee nutti hime* He told us that  
he transfixed an elephant! **3**  
inject sb with a syringe or give  
an injection to; inoculate or  
vaccinate sb against sth *marfee*  
*shan na waraanan* They gave me  
five injections. **4** feel a sharp  
pain *waan ta'e him/im beekuu uffaa*  
*koo na waraana* I don't know

what it is, but I feel a sharp pain  
in my lower abdomen. **5** (of  
smell or taste) be pungent  
*sanaafici funyaan nama waraana*  
Mustard has a pungent smell.

**waraana** *n* **1** spear *bosonuun*  
*naannoo kana jirtii waraana koo naa*  
*fidi* There is a barking deer in  
this vicinity; bring me my spear.  
**2** battle, battlefield, front, or war  
*waraana Gurrafardaa* the battle of  
Gurrafardaa Oromoon *durii*  
*waraana jaal'atu turan* Ancient  
Oromoos used to enjoy war.

*waraana deeme* He has gone to the  
front. **waraanamuu** *tv* (passive)  
be pricked, stabbed, or injected  
*gurbaan inni sun marfee hin*  
*waraanamne* That boy has not  
been vaccinated/injected.

**waraannachuu** *tv* **1** stitch for self  
*surree jilba irraan dhumte abbaatu*  
*warraannata; deega ijollummaan*  
*dhufta abbaatuu tattaaffata* (a line  
from *geerarsa*) The owner is the  
one who has to stitch the knees  
of his trousers, and it is he who  
has to overcome the poverty he  
experienced when he was  
young. **2** be vaccinated/  
injected/inoculated against;  
have or take inoculations/  
injections *akka maariyyeen isa hin*  
*qabne marfee waraannateera* He  
has inoculations against small  
pox. **waraansa** *n* **1** front, war, or  
battlefield *abbaan koo lafa*  
*waraanaatti du'e* My father died  
in battle. See also *waraana* (2)  
above **2** twinge or a sharp,

sudden physical pain, usu felt around the chest or abdomen *goricha waraansaa qabduu?* Do you have medicine for a sharp, sudden pain? **waraansisuu** *tv* have sb/animal vaccinated against sth *mana hakiimiitti isee geessaati marfee waraansisaa* Take her to the hospital and have her injected.

**waraanxoo** Same as *waranaxoo*

**waraatii** *n* 1 a kind of grass 2

Same as *bajjii*

**warabboo** *n* a large antelope, probably chamois bull or goat antelope

**waraga** See *waraguu*

**waraguu** *tv* load items such as rope, sacks on a pack animal, usu when going to the market **waraga** *n* items loaded on pack animals' backs

**warajoo** *n* an animal put aside usu for the *ateetee* ritual *sa'a warajoo aannan isee ormi hin dhugu* Non-relatives are not allowed to drink milk from a ritual cow.

**warakkabuu** Same as *iiyyuu* (1)

**waranaxoo** *n* a kind of needle; hook for cathching fish; clasp, usu of belts

**waraqaa** *n* 1 paper, i.e., substance used for writing, printing, drawing, wrapping, etc. 2 letter, i.e., written message; see also *xalayaa* which is more commonly used **waraqaa ragaa** *n* certificate

**waraqata** Same as *waraqaa*

**warbaa** Same as *yayii*

**waree** *n* fame; achievements *waree kee ati hin dubbatin; namni siif ha dubbatu* Don't talk about your own fame; let others do it for you.

**wareega** See *wareeguu*

**wareegamuu** See *wareeguu*

**wareeggachuu** See *wareeguu*

**wareegsisuu** See *wareeguu*

**wareeguu** *tv* make a vow, i.e., make a solemn promise to consecrate or offer sth to divine power if one's vow is fulfilled *yoon fayye qolloo kanatti akkan korma qaluu wareegeera* I have made a vow to sacrifice a bull at this place of worship if I recover from my illness. 2 sacrifice oneself for the good of *saba isaatiif of wareege* He sacrificed himself for the good of his people. **wareega** *n* 1 vow; votive offering 2 sacrifice; immolation **wareegamuu** *tv* (passive) be sacrificed for the good of *saba isaatiif wareegame* He was sacrificed for the good of his people **wareeggachuu** *tv* make a vow for self **wareegsisuu** *tv* cause to vow

**wareersuu** See *wareeruu*

**wareeruu** *iv* 1 have a nightmare *eda ni/in wareertee?* Did you have a nightmare last night? 2 cry, yell, or be upset or disturbed; see also *iiyyuu* (1) **wareersuu** *tv* cause to have a nightmare; cause to cry, yell, or be disturbed/upset

**wargana** *adj* black-white colored animal, usu cattle *sangaa wargana*

an ox with black and white colors  
**warguu** Same as *sarduu*  
**waroo** Same as *uuroo*  
**warqacha** *n* early wheat, i.e., wheat appearing or maturing before all the others do *warqachi nyaata simbirroo ta'a* Early wheat falls victim to birds, as it were.  
**warqee** *n* 1 gold, i.e., the precious, yellow metal used for making jewellery 2 false banana [ensete ventricosum] *baala warqee* a false banana leaf  
**warqii** Same as *warqee* (1)  
**warra** *n* 1 husband *warri isee du'eera* Her husband has passed away. 2 wife *warri isaa jelaa baateetti* His wife has left him. 3 people, usu specified by their clan, community, origin, location, etc., *warra Buree* Buree people *warra waarsuu* people of the Waarsuu clan *warra manaa akkam ooltan?* How did you spend the day, you people of this house? **warra kaan** Same as *jera kaan* under *jera warra qaalluu* *n* 1 the Oromoo religious leaders 2 the progenitor/the eldest of the *gadaa warrana* *n* (vocative) you people, i.e., you members of a family *warrana eessa deemtu?* Where are you people going? *warrana akkam bultan* Good morning, you people/members of this family. **warroomsuu** *tv* 1 cause to marry and have family 2 disvirgin/deflower

**warroomuu** *iv* be old enough and establish/have a family; have children *yoo fuute malee hin warroomtu* You can't have children (family) unless you get married.  
**warra kaan** See *warra*  
**warra qaalluu** See *warra*  
**warraaqsa** See *warraaquu*  
**warraaqsisuu** See *warraaquu*  
**warraaqsuu** See *warraaquu*  
**warraaquu** *iv* move about; move or stir *hin ciisin warraaqi* Don't lie down; move about. **warraaqsa** *n* movement; social revolution *cunqursaa/hacuuccaa akkanaa jalaa kan nu baasu warraaqsa duwwaa dha* Only a revolution will liberate us from this kind of oppression and injustice.  
**warraaqsisuu** *tv* cause to move or remove sth from where it is *ijoollee waamii mi'a kana karaa irraa warraaqsisu* Call the children and make them remove this thing from the middle of the road. **warraaqsuu** *tv* show around; cause to move about *obboleessi kee kun biyya hin/him beekuu mee asii fi achi warraaqsisu*. Your brother is not familiar with this place, so show him around  
**warrana** See *warra*  
**warriiqachuu** *iv* (usu babies) toddle/walk *mucaan gaggalaanee warriiqate* The baby first staggered and then toddled/walked  
**warroomsuu** See *warra*  
**warroomuu** See *warra*

**warseessa** *n* undomesticated animal of some use to man  
**warseeysa** Same as *warseessa*  
**warshaa** *n* a factory **warshaalee** *n* goods produced or made in a factory  
**warshaalee** See *warshaa*  
**warteessuu** *n* uninvited and also unwelcome person who rooms with a family, probably a short form of **warraa wajjin teessuu** *n* an adult who lives with his/her parents  
**waruu** Same as *waraabessa*  
**warwaachisuu** Same as *watawaachisuu* under *watwaatuu*  
**warwaachuu** Same as *watawaatuu*  
**warwarrii** *adj.*, *n* **1** (of darkness at dusk) dim, dusky, or semi-dark *hin sodaatin baay'ee hin dukkanooftnee warwarrii dha malee* Don't be afraid! It's not very dark; it's only semi-dark. **2** dim outline of sth not seen clearly because of semi-darkness or mist *inni warwarrii natti mul'atu sun maal inni?* What is that thing only the dim outline of which I see? **3** light rain that falls off and on *warwarriin midhaaniif gaarii dha jedhu* They say light rain that falls off and on is good for crops.  
**wasasaa** *n* litter, sedan chair, or stretcher, i.e., a palanquin-like device carried on poles usu on the shoulders of two or four men *wasasaa dhaan baatanii asi isa fidani* They brought him here on a stretcher. **wasasaa baachuu** *tv* carry sb/sth on a stretcher *kottaa*

*dhagaa kana wasasaa baannaa*  
 Come, let's carry this stone on a stretcher.  
**wasaka** *n* dirt; see also *xurii* under *xuraawuu*  
**wasarraa** *adj* (of color of chickens) multi-colored, i.e., a blend of black, blue, and red *kormaa indaaggoo wasarraa* a multi-colored cock, usu in great demand because of superstition  
**washaffeessa** *n* a kind of tall grass that grows around streams, rivers, etc.,  
**washakaree** Same as *dhamaatuu* under *dhama'uu*  
**washalaa** *adj* (derogatory) not circumsised, i.e., of male humans from whose penis the foreskin/prepuce has not been removed  
**washee** Same as *karaabaa*  
**wasiila** *n* **1** a paternal uncle; see also *abeera/adeera*  
**wassee** *n* children's disease characterized by potbelly and swelling of the face; probably kwashiorkor  
**watara** *n* **1** Same as *bajjii* **2** Same as *dargageessa* under *dargaggomuu*  
**watwaachisuu** See *watwaatuu*  
**watwaachuu** Same as *watwaatuu*  
**watwaatuu** *iv* cry for help when in danger *gangalattee foon allaattii hin balleessin, watawaattee maqaa dhiiraa hin balleessin* (advice to a donkey and son) Don't roll over and over and spoil what could be vulture's meat (food); don't

cry and spoil a man's name, i.e.,  
a man shouldn't be a coward.  
**watwaachisuu** *tv* cause to cry for  
help

**wawacuu** Same as *wacuu*

**wawuu**<sup>1</sup> Same as *waawuu*

**wawuu**<sup>2</sup> nothing *ani horii wawuu*  
*hin qabu* I have nothing, no  
money. See also *humaa*

**wawwaachuu** *iv* cry, shout, yell,  
or wail, *usu* cry for help *maal*  
*taatee wawwaatte?* Why did  
you/she cry for help? See also  
*watwaatuu*

**wawwaatuu** Same as *watwaatuu*

**wawwacoo** Same as *wacwacoo*

**wawwacuu** Same as *wacuu*

**waxabajjii** *n* June

**waxalamuu** See *waxaluu*

**waxaloo** See *waxaluu*

**waxalsiisuu** See *waxaluu*

**waxaluu** *tv* 1 hit sb or animals  
very hard *karaabii dhaan miilla*  
*isaa waxalte* She hit him on the  
leg hard with a shrub whip. 2  
(used of hot food or heat) burn,  
i.e., scorch *bunni kun arraba na*  
*waxale* This coffee burned my  
tongue. **waxalamuu** *tv* (passive)  
be cooked well, *usu* on fire  
directly 2 be hit *maal balleessitee*  
*waxalmte?* What mistake did  
you/she make that you/she got  
whipped? **waxalsiisuu** *tv* cause  
to hit/roast **waxaloo** *n* roasted  
food, *usu* fresh grain such as  
corn on the cob

**waxa'uu** *tv* make sauce/stew  
*waxii waxaati* She is preparing  
stew **waxii** Same as *itto/qetto*

**waxawwaxuu** *tv* roast or toast,  
i.e., scorch fresh corn on the cob  
without doing it to a turn, *usu*  
on a flame that spits fire *boqqolloo*  
*kana hin waxawwaxin bilcheessii*  
*waadi* Don't just scorch this fresh  
corn on the cob; roast it to a turn.

**waxii** See *waxa'uu*

**waxuu** Same as *waxa'uu*

**wayaa** Same as *wayyaa*<sup>1</sup>

**wayachuu** Same as *aaduu*<sup>1</sup> (1)

**wayeelka** *adj* (of men) very old  
*jaarsa wayeelka tokkotu ilma koo*  
*naa gorse* A very old man  
counseled my son for me.

**wayi** *pron* something *wayi*  
*barbaaduutti jiru; maal inni laata?*  
They are looking for something;  
what could it be? *wayi kenniteef*  
She gave him something (but I  
haven't seen what it is). See also  
*waa* (1)

**wayita** Same as *wayitii*

**wayitii** Same as *awuu* (1); see also  
*yeroo* (1)

**wayruu** *n* sulfur/sulphur

**waywaachuu** Same as  
*wawwaachuu*

**wayyaa**<sup>1</sup> *n* clothes *wayyaa haaraa*  
*bitatteetti* She has bought herself  
new clothes. See also *uffata*  
under *uffachuu* **wayyaa buusuu**  
*iv* be completely mad; be stark  
staring mad or be stark raving  
mad; be mad to the point of  
becoming stark naked

**wayyaa**<sup>2</sup> See *wayyaawuu*

**wayyaalee** Same as *buujalee* under  
*buujalaawuu*



**wayyaawuu** *iv* (used of health) be better, i.e., recover from illness partially and slowly *har'a natti wayyaayeera* I feel better today. *wayyooftee?* Are you/Is she feeling better? *waawuu hin wayyoofne ammayyuu inuma dhukkubsatti* No, she is still ill.

**wayyaa qabaachuu** *iv* feel healthy or better, i.e., recover from illness *har'a baay'ee wayyaa natti qaba* I am quite better today. *iseenoo wayyaa qabdi* Is she better, too? **wayyeessuu** *tv* give or bring some relief, i.e., cause to feel better *qoricha kanatu xinnoo na wayyeesse* It is this medicine that brought me some relief.

**wayyaba** *n* majority

**wayyeechuu** Same as *wayyeessuu* under *wayyaawuu*

**wayyeessuu** See *wayyaawuu*

**wayyoo** (expression) oh; Goodness, i.e., euphemism for God; Gracious; My goodness, i.e., an expression of happiness, intensity of feeling; pleasure, sorrow, etc., *wayyoo, maal ta'ee du'e?* Oh, how did he die! *wayyoo, akkam bareeddi!* Oh, how beautiful she is! *wayyoo akkaman sodaadhe!* Oh, how afraid I was! *wayyoo, maa akkana sobaa!* Oh, why does he lie like this!

**wayyuu** *tv* be better, i.e., be more desirable, suitable, or be more useful; be preferable *kana sii wayya* This one is better for you. *eerumuu isee dhaa hin wayyuu?* Wouldn't it be better for her if

she got married? *waawu hin wayyuuf; amma koolejii fixxutti ha bartu* No, let her finish college. *sii wayyaa cal jedhi gaa* You had better shut up!

**weeddiftuu** See *weeddisuu*

**weeddii** Same as *weedduu* under *weeddisuu*

**weeddisiisuu** See *weeddisuu*

**weeddistuu** Same as *weeddiftuu* under *weeddisuu*

**weeddisuu** *iv* (applies to humans, not birds) croon/hum, serenade, or sing *awuu iseen weeddiftu isin ammoo jalaa qaba* When she sings you should all join the chorus. *asmaariin weeddissee birri lama na irraa fudhate* The minstrel sang and took two birri from me for his service. **weeddiftuu** *n* (usu females) singer *obboleettiin isaa weeddiftuu dha* His sister is a singer. **weeddisiisuu** *tv* cause to sing **weedduu** *n* song *weedduu isaa dhaggeeffattee hin quuftu* You won't be tired of listening to his song (no matter how long/often he sings). **weedduu baasuu** *iv* lead the choir or the singing *eenyutu weedduu nuu baasa?* Who will lead the choir for us? See also *walaloo baasuu* under *walaloo*

**weedduu** See *weeddisuu*

**weeffana** Same as *dibicha*

**welleffachuu** Same as *seerachuu* (1) under *seeruu*<sup>1</sup>

**weelisuu** Same as *wallisuu*

**weelkaa** *n* a container (kept in the house) that is used to hold water

**weellee** Same as *wallee* under *walaloo*  
**weellisuu** Same as *wallisuu*  
**weelluu** Same as *weedduu* under *weeddisuu*  
**weennachuu** Same as *wennachuu*  
**weenna'uu** Same as *weenuu*  
**weennawuu** Same as *weenuu*  
**weennii** *n* colobus monkey, i.e., a monkey with black and white color, which, traditionally Oromos did not kill because it does not destroy crops; at present it is being killed almost to the point of extinction for its valuable skin. It is usu killed by non-Oromos  
**weennoftuu** See *weenuu*  
**weennoo** See *weenuu*  
**weensoo** *n* a basket with lid, usu used for keeping valuables  
**weerara** See *weeraruu*  
**weeraruu** *tv* invade, i.e., enter a country by force with an army; conquer **weerara** *n* invasion  
**weessoo** *n* a vessel for churning milk; see also *ro'oo* (1)  
**weeyduu** Same as *weedduu* under *weeddisuu*  
**weeyruu** Same as *wayruu*  
**wejewejee** *n* 1 Same as *akaayii* 2 a frivolous female *intala* *wejeweje tokko jaal'ate* He fell in love with a frivolous girl. See also *qelqellee* (1)  
**welka** *n* a container made from sisal fibers, used to hold grain  
**wennachuu** *iv* be angry; lose one's temper  
**wennawuu** Same as *weenuu*

**wennoo** Same as *weennoo* under *weenuu*  
**wensoo** Same as *weensoo*  
**weenuu** *iv* be envious, green-eyed, or be jealous; be covetous *natti weente/weennaate* She became jealous of me. *namatti weenna'a* He is jealous of people.  
**weennoftuu** *adj* (of persons) jealous *namichi/niitiin weennoftuun sun eega ani sooromee asi na jibbe/jibbite* That jealous man/woman hated me after I became rich. **weennoo** *n* jealousy *ani weennoo hin jaal'u* I don't like jealousy.  
**wessee** *n* food prepared from false banana  
**weyiti** Same as *yeroo*<sup>1</sup> (1)  
**wichirraawuu** *iv* cloy/satiate/satisfy; glut/gorge/replete/stuff/surfeit oneself with food until the stomach bulges *hamma malee nyaatee wichirraaye* He surfeited himself until his stomach bulged.  
**wichirreessuu** *tv* cause a stomach to bulge (with too much food) *mulluutu garaa na wichirreesse* I gorged myself with boiled beans. **wichirroo** *n* fullness, glut, repletion, surfeit *hiriyaan nama darbuu manna wichirroon du'uu wayya* [humor] Better to die with surfeit than to lose an eating competition  
**wichirreessuu** See *wichirraawuu*  
**wichirroo** See *wichirraawuu*  
**wicii** Same as *cuucii* (1)  
**wicoo** Same as *cuucii* (1)

**widdeellaa** Same as *uddeellaa*  
under *uddeelluu*

**wi'ela** Same as *wa'ela*

**wiirtuu** *n* 1 center or middle, i.e.,  
a point equidistant from all  
points; pupil or iris of the eye  
*wiirtuu ija isaa tumate* He hit him  
on the pupil of his eye. *saffaatoo*  
*kana wiirtuu mataa isaa irra kaayiif*  
Put this cushion on the center of  
his head (to prevent abrasion  
from a load). *wiirtuu dugda kootii*  
*na waraana* I feel pain in the  
middle of my back. 2 half, i.e.,  
one of two equal parts *sangaa*  
*kana wiirtuu natti gurguri* Sell me  
half of your ox (so that I can  
become a part owner). *foon kana*  
*wiirtuutti nuu hiri* Divide this  
meat into two equal parts for us.

**wiituu** Same as *wiirtuu*

**wiixaa** *n* a kind of grass used for  
making different baskets

**wilidoo** Same as *willee*

**wiligaa** Same as *hiraarsa* under  
*hiraaruu*

**wilii** *adv* later on

**wilii eega** Same as *wilii*

**willee** *n* a gourd cup used for  
drinking or for drawing water  
from a river, spring, etc.,

**williixaa** *n* a metal blade attached  
to the end of a wooden handle of  
*dongoraa* see under *dongoruu*

**willistii** Same as *dhullaa*

**wishaala** Same as *hushaala* under  
*hushaalu*

**wixata** *n* 1 Monday 2 god of  
Monday

**wixinee** Same as *karoora* under  
*karooruu*

**wixxifachuu** *iv* 1 squirm, struggle,  
twist, wriggle, or writhe to free  
oneself from a grip, etc.; wriggle  
oneself free *sangaan wixxifatee*  
*narakaa (na arkaa) baye* The ox  
wriggled itself free from my  
grip. 2 kick and wriggle at the  
last gasp or at the moment of  
death *oolaan sun ammayyuu hin*  
*duune ni/in wixxifata* That sheep  
is not dead yet; it is still kicking  
and wriggling.

**wol** Same as *wal*

**woo** (an expression used to ask  
for information, etc.,) oh;  
how / what about *anaafoo*  
*kenniteettaa isaa woo?* You have  
given me all right, but what  
about him? *inni asi jira jerri woo?*  
He is here, but what about  
them? *ani fayyeera ati woo?* I feel  
quite better, but how about you?  
*isuma woo anaa?* Oh, not me, isn't  
he the one? [He is the one]

**worwaachuu** *iv* bawl, howl,  
scream, usu in pain *hin*  
*worwaatin obsi* Endure the pain,  
don't scream.

**wowwaachisuu** Same as  
*watwaachisuu* under *watwaatuu*

**wowwachuu** Same as *watwaatuu*

**wuchurraa'uu** Same as  
*wichirraawuu*

**wuchurreessuu** Same as  
*wichirreessuu* under *wichirraawuu*

**wuchurroo** Same as *wichirroo*  
under *wichirraawuu*

**wucii** Same as *cuucii* (1); see also *ciiciwii/ciiciwwii*  
**wuciicii** Same as *wucii*  
**wucoo** Same as *cuucii* (1)  
**wuddeellaa** Same as *uddeellaa* under *uddeelluu*  
**wullee** Same as *willee*  
**wurdee** Same as *urdee*  
**wusa** Same as *guchuma*  
**wussa** See *wussachuu*  
**wussachuu** *iv* douche **wussa** *n* 1  
     douche *2* Same as *wusa*  
**wuxirachuu** Same as *haqachuu* under *haquu*  
**wuxxifachuu** Same as *wixxifachuu*  
**wuxxisuu** Same as *wixxifachuu*  
**-wwan** Suffixed to some nouns, it is used as a plural marker e.g., *qabxii* point *qabxiiwwan* points

## x/X

**xaafii** *n* teff, i.e., cultivated grass the grains of which are used for making local bread [*Eragrostis tef*, native to N Africa]  
**xaa jechuu** *iv* be torn with noise; explode  
**xaallaquu** *tv* warn one's wife, usu in the presence of elders *tokkoon/lamaan si xaallaqe* I warn you once/twice. *sadiyiin si xaallaqe* I warn you for the third time, and that is final!  
**xaa'omsiisuu** See *xaa'omuu*  
**xaa'omsuu** See *xaa'omuu*  
**xaa'omuu** *iv* (used of land) be fertile, after manure or chemical

has been spread on it *lafti inni kosii argate hedduu xaa'ome* The land on which manure has been spread has become very fertile.  
**xaa'omsiisuu** *tv* cause sb to fertilize land (by spreading fertilizers on it). **xaa'omsuu** *tv* apply fertilizers to land so as to make it fertile **xaa'oo** *n* 1 of land/soil that has been brought under cultivation, i.e., the opposite of virgin soil; fertile land *2* fertilizer **xaa'oo baafachuu** *tv* fertilize soil for self  
**xaa'oo** See *xaa'omuu*  
**xaaqaa** *n* bolt or roll, i.e., cloth of a definite length as it comes from the loom *abujadii xaaqaa tokko bite* He bought a bolt of calico.  
**xaaqata** *n* shelf, usu made by digging a square hole in a mud wall; built-in shelf  
**xaaqeeta** Same as *foddaa*  
**xaarbibe** *n* 1 sharp tip of sth *2* axle on which a wheel turns  
**xaarmushii** *n* bottle *ganama ganama aannan xaarmushii tokko dhugu* They drink one bottle of milk every morning.  
**xaar xaar gochuu** *tv* scatter about; separate  
**xaawomsiisuu** Same as *xaa'omsiisuu* under *xaa'omuu*  
**xaawomsuu** Same as *xaa'omsuu* under *xaa'omuu*  
**xaawomuu** Same as *xaa'omuu*  
**xaawoo** Same as *xaa'oo* under *xaa'omuu*  
**xaaxaa** probably corruption of *xaxaa* (2) under *xaxuu*

**xaaxaatee** See *xaaxa'uu*

**xaaxa'uu** 1 *iv* crackle or pop, i.e., make a short, sharp explosive sound as when grains being parched burst open or as when glowing bit is thrown off from a burning substance *qoraan kun baay'ee xaaxa'a* This firewood crackles a lot *akaayiin boqqolloo kun hin xaaxofne* This parched corn did not pop. 2 Same as *wacuu xaaxaatee* n 1 stick-like hot metal used for cauterizing, for curative purposes 2 Same as *xaaxoftuu* below **xaaxee** n 1 pop corn/sorghum 2 a tissue (on the stomach or head) treated with a cautery or burned with a hot iron when a person complains of pain or headache **xaaxeffachuu** *tv* undergo cauterization; be cauterized for self *bowwuu kootiifan xaaxeffadhe* I have been cauterized to cure my headache. **xaaxessuu** *tv* crack a whip *qaccee xaaxesse* He cracked a whip. **xaaxoftuu** *adj* a loud, talkative woman

**xaaxee** See *xaaxa'uu*

**xaaxeffachuu** See *xaaxa'uu*

**xaaxessaa** n 1 a kind of tree 2 Same as *xaaxaatee* (1) under *xaaxa'uu*

**xaaxessuu** See *xaaxa'uu*

**xaaxeysaa** Same as *xaaxessa* (1)

**xaaxoftuu** See *xaaxa'uu*

**xaaxxee** Same as *xeellaa*

**xaba** Same as *tapha* under *taphachuu*

**xabala** n spa; mineral waters

*xabalatti isee geessanii xabala dhugdee fayyite* They took her to a spa where she drank the waters and got cured.

**xabanaasuu** Same as *kalaluu*

**xabaqaa** n lawyer, i.e., an advocate, attorney, barrister, counsel, or counselor

**xabarii** Same as *dafee*

**xab gochuu** *iv, tv* finish completely *nyaata isaa tokkichaann xab godhe* He finished his food in no time.

**xaddee** n 1 porcupine 2 spines, i.e., the sharp needle-like stuff that covers a porcupine's lower body

**xafxafeessuu** *tv* cause sores here and there on the body or part of the body *dhanna koo na xafxafeesse* My body is covered with sores.

**xafxafuu** *tv* knead, i.e., make into a firm paste *timboo xafxafa* He is kneading tobacco.

**xagaraa** Same as *dhagaraa* (2)

**xalabuu** Same as *gubuu* (2)

**xalaluu** Same as *taliiluu*

**xalasa** n 1 health *iseen har'a xalasa hin qabdu* She is in poor health today. See also *fayyaa* (1) under *fayyuu* 2 evening, i.e., time around 6 p.m. when animals are brought in from a grazing field

**xalataam** n a kind of plant the leaves of which are mixed with *quxxii*

**xalayaa** n 1 letter, i.e., written message 2 paper; see also *waraqaa*

**xaliila** Same as *taliila* under *taliiluu*

**xaliila'uu** Same as *taliiluu*

**xaliilchituu** *n* a small water creature, probably a tadpole

**xaliiluu** Same as *taliiluu*

**xalliftuu** See *xallisuu*

**xallisaa** See *xallisuu*

**xallisuu**<sup>1</sup> *iv* strive; work hard  
*alkanii guyyaa xallisa* He works day and night.

**xallisuu**<sup>2</sup> *iv* roam or rove, i.e., wander around without having a definite purpose **xalliftuu** *adj* of a person who wanders around aimlessly **xallisaa** *adj* of a man who wanders around aimlessly

**xalxaba** *adj*, *n* 1 stringy meat, i.e., full of ligaments *foon xalxaba kana eessaa bitte?* Where did you buy this stringy meat? 2 coward *kun dhiira miti xalxaba* This is not a man; he is coward.

**xamaduu** Same as *camaduu*

**xamba'uu** *tv* burn slightly, *usu* roast grain, i.e., damage by fire *akaayii xamba'e* He burned the grain slightly. See also *xanbaa'uu*

**xanbaa'uu** *iv* burn **xanbeessuu** *tv* burn wood, *usu* to produce charcoal

**xanbeessuu** See *xanbaa'uu*

**xannacha** *n* 1 glandular swelling, *usu* found on human necks 2 lump, i.e., hard mass found in meat, believed to be poisonous if eaten

**xannee** *n* 1 famine, hunger, or starvation 2 dysentery epidemic,

possibly cholera or typhus  
*xanneen biyya galeera* Cholera has broken out in the country.

**xanneen dhawuu** *iv* (used of a stomach) be sunken because of hunger **xanneen nama qabuu** *iv* be very hungry *xanneen na qabeeraa waa naa laadhaa* Give me sth to eat; I'm very hungry.

**xansasuu** *tv* ferment beer ingredients *farsoo xansastee?* Did she ferment beer? **xinsisii** *n* solution of beer at fermentation stage

**xaph gochuu** Same as *xab gochuu*  
**xaqana** *n* *masqala* torch

**xaraanxara** *n* 1 semen or sperm, *usu* of animals 2 Same as *dil'uu* 3 vaginal discharge of a cow that is in heat; see also *qal'aa* (2)

**xarabee** See *xarabuu*

**xarabsiisuu** See *xarabuu*

**xarabuu** *tv* plane (away/ down)  
*bidiruu xaraba* He is planing a canoe smooth; see also *soquu*  
**xarabee** *n* small, sharp axe used for planing wood **xarabsiisuu** *tv* cause to plane *bidiruu na xarabsiise* He made me plane a canoe.

**xaragaa** See *xaraguu*

**xaragachuu** See *xaraguu*

**xaragsiisuu** See *xaraguu*

**xar gochuu** *tv* fart, with loud sound *dhuufuu xar godhe* He farted.

**xaraguu** *tv* 1 clean, sweep, or wipe  
*mana xaragdee nyaata qopheessitee na eegde* She cleaned the house, prepared food, and waited for

me. *funyaan/fuula kee xaragi* Wipe your nose/face. **2** smear sth on/over with; daub, i.e., make dirty with sth oily, sticky, etc., *furrii kittaa keetti hin xaragin* Don't smear mucus on your shirt. **xaragaa** *n* remnant of butter, dough, porridge, etc., *bukoo xaragaayyuu manaa hin qabu* I don't have even tiny remnant of dough in the house.

**xaragachuu** *tv* **1** clean, sweep, or wipe for self *miilla kee xaragadhuu ol gali/seeni* Wipe your feet/shoes and enter. See also *haruu* (1) **2** smear sth on/with *dhadhaa natti xaragatte* She smeared me with butter.

**xaragsiisuu** *tv* cause to clean, sweep, or wipe *mana isee na xaragsiifte* She made me clean her house.

**xaranga'aa** *adj* (of a male) overfed, undaunted, rough, and dashing

**xarangaatuu** *adj* (of female) overfed, undaunted, rough, and dashing

**xarangalloo** *adj* (of female) robust, stalwart, and undaunted

**xaroo** **1** Same as **qoraattii** **2** Same as *gumbii* (1)

**xarraqqee** Same as *dadhabaa* under *dhadhabuu*

**xarriftuu** See *xarrisuu*

**xarrisa** See *xarrisuu*

**xarrisiisuu** See *xarrisuu*

**xarrisuu** *iv* **1** dance by shaking neck and head without lifting the feet from the ground **2** shake **3** Same as *xar gochuu* **xarriftuu**

*adj* (of female) dancer **xarrisa** *n* dancing **xarrisiisuu** *tv* cause to dance or shake

**xas gochuu** *tv* cut/prick, usu swelling, with a sharp needle, knife, etc.,

**xas jechuu** *iv* (usu of swelling) explode when cut with a sharp knife, etc.,

**xaxaa** See *xaxuu*

**xaxachiisuu** See *xaxuu*

**xaxachuu** See *xaxuu*

**xaxamaa** See *xaxuu*

**xaxamtuu** See *xaxuu*

**xaxamuu** See *xaxuu*

**xaxoo** Same as *fanxoo*

**xaxuu** *tv* entangle, snarl, or tangle, i.e., intertwine in a confused

mass *sangaan funyoo ofitti xaxe*

The ox entangled himself with the rope. **xaxaa** *adj* **1** entangled, snarled, or tangled *xaxaa funyoo* entangled rope **2** (usu issues) confusing and difficult to solve

*dubbii xaxaa* a confusing issue that is difficult to solve

**xaxachiisuu** *tv* cause to be

entangled, snarled, or tangled

**xaxachuu** *tv* **1** become tangled

*hoolaan xaxatteetti dhaqii itti hiiki*

The sheep has entangled itself;

go and disentangle it. **2** pack

(up) *deemuuf mi'a isaa xaxateera*

He has packed up his things; he is about to leave. **xaxamaa** *adj* (of

male) **1** entangled or tangled **2**

miserable or fraught with

hardship, usu financial problem

**3** of a male who deliberately

confuses an issue and who beats

about the bush to conceal his thoughts *namichi xaxamaan kun maal jedha?* What is this confusing man saying?  
**xaxamtuu** *adj* a female who confuses an issue; difficult *niitii xaxamtuu* a difficult woman  
**xaxamuu** *tv* (passive) 1 be entangled 2 be in great difficulty, usu financial problem; be in a financial strait  
**xebbee** *n* small earthen plate in/from which food is served/eaten  
**xeeba**<sup>1</sup> See *xeebuu*  
**xeeba**<sup>2</sup> Same as *teepha*  
**xeebaa** See *xeebuu*  
**xeebduu** See *xeebuu*  
**xeebuu** *iv* be absurd; talk nonsense *hin xeebin* Don't be absurd. **xeeba** *n* absurdity; nonsense **xeebaa** *n* a male human whose talk is absurd, foolish, or nonsensical *namichi xeebaan kun maal jedha?* What does this nonsensical man say?  
**xeebduu** *n* absurd or nonsensical person  
**xeefii** Same as *xaafii*  
**xeellaa** See *xeellessuu*  
**xeellessuu** *tv* cause to be coward  
**xeellaa** *adj* coward(ly), craven, dastardly, sissy  
**xeelloo**<sup>1</sup> Same as *xeellaa*  
**xeelloo**<sup>2</sup> *adj* a brown, handsome or beautiful peson  
**xeenee** See *xeenuu*  
**xeensisuu** See *xeenuu*  
**xeenuu** *iv* 1 have diarrhea *sa'i koo ni/in xeenti* My cow is having

diarrhea. 2 bluff/talk nonsense *namichi kun maal natti xeenaa?* Why does this man bluff?  
**xeenee** *n* diarrhea **xeensisuu** *tv* cause diarrhea *qorichi ani kaleessa dhuge garaa na xeensise* The medicine I took yesterday gave me diarrhea.  
**xeeqii** *n* soft leather or cloth pad/cushion placed on the backs of pack animals to prevent an abrasion of their skins  
**xeeqqa'uu** Same as *deeqqa'uu*  
**xeeqqoo** Same as *deeqqoo* under *deeqqa'uu*  
**xeerii**<sup>1</sup> *n* intestine or viscera  
**xeerii**<sup>2</sup> (vulgar) Same as *buqushaa*  
**xellaa** Same as *xeellaa* under *xeellessuu*  
**xellessuu** Same as *xeellessuu*  
**xelxeba** Same as *xalxeba*  
**xembee kaachisuu** *tv* burn sth completely *citaa xembee kaachisan* They burned down the grass.  
**xembuu** *adj* cattle with red and white color *sa'a xembuu* a cow with red and white color  
**xessa'uu** *tv* bake a cake from grain or make tobacco cake *xessoo boqqolloo xessaatee naa galaafte* She baked corn cake for my voyage provisions. **xessoo** *n* cake made from grain or tobacco *xessoo boqqollo* corn cake *xessoo timboo* tobacco cake  
**xessee** Same as *xessoo* under *xessa'uu*  
**xessoo** See *xessa'uu*  
**xibaara** See *xibaaruu*  
**xibaarsisuu** See *xibaaruu*



**xibaartuu** See *xibaaruu*

**xibaaruu** *iv* 1 prate, prattle on, i.e., talk excessively and pointlessly; tell a yarn *xibaaraa oolee amma deeme* He just left after prattling on and on all day. 2 Same as *faguu xibaara* *n* tall story, i.e., a story that is difficult to believe because it is highly exaggerated **xibaarsisuu** *tv* cause to prattle on **xibaartuu** *n* garrulous, talkative, or loquacious person who rambles about trivial matters

**xibbiqii** See *xibbiquu*

**xibbiqqoo** *n* short-sleeved or sleeveless shirt

**xibbiquu** *tv* enjoin or urge in the name of the law that something should be/should not be done *akka ani lafa kana hin qonne na xibbiqeera* He has enjoined me, in the name of the law, not to plow this plot of land. **xibbiqii** *n* injunction *akka lafa kana hin qonne xibbiqiin kee birri dhibba* I hereby enjoin you not to plow this plot of land; if you disobey this injunction, however, you will be fined one hundred birr.

**xibiiruu** *iv, tv* 1 sew or stitch together real tight *moofaa kittaa isaa xibiree hodhe* He stitched his old shirt firmly. 2 talk nonsense or gibberish *ni/in xibiira* He is talking nonsense. See also *xibaaruu*

**xidii** *n* acanthus, i.e., pine tree or plant; conifer

**xifa** *adv* altogether; at all; never *har'a inni xifa asiin hin/im baane* Today he hasn't show up at all. *xifa hin ojjadhu waanti dhufe haa dhufu malee* I shall never do it, come what may. See also *tasa*

**xiichaa** Same as *giddii* (1) under *giddisiisuu*

**xiifoo** Same as *libaallibsaa* under *libaalibsuu*

**xiilaa** Same as *alangee* or *arcummee*

**xiillaa**<sup>1</sup> Same as *bokoka* under *bokokuu*

**xiillaa**<sup>2</sup> Same as *tuuuba*

**xiillachuu** Same as *bokokuu*

**xiillawuu** *iv* Same as *bokokuu*

**xiillessuu** *tv* tie sth real fast, firm, or secure *xiillessii hidhi* Tie it real fast and firm.

**xiilloo** *adj* cattle with black and white; silver gray/grey *jabbii xiilloo* a calf with white balack color *mataa haarrii xiilloo* hair that has turned silver grey

**xiiluu** *iv* flee, run away real fast, scuttle off, or turn tail *leenca argee xiile* He saw a lion and turned tail. See also *axiiluu*

**xiinxala** See *xiinxaluu*

**xiinxalamuu** See *xiinxaluu*

**xiinxaluu** *tv* 1 (usu takes the various forms of *ilaaluu*) examine, inspect, observe, scrutinize very carefully *sun bosonuu dha moo reettii dha? mee xiinxalii ilaali* Is that a deer or a goat? Common, observe it carefully. 2 appraise, asses, or evaluate sth after analyzing it carefully; analyze *warri baankii*

*ojiin tokko nama baasuu fi dhiisuu isaa osoo hin xiinxalin qarshii namaa hin liqeessanu* Banks don't lend money before they assess a feasibility of a project. **xiinxala** *n* careful observation; appraisal, assessment, evaluation, or analysis **xiinxalamuu** *tv* (passive) be analyzed or assessed

**xiinxanii** Same as *qinqanii* under *qinqanaawuu*

**xiinxannii** *n* bribe

**xiinxela** Same as *xiinxala* under *xiinxaluu*

**xiiqii** *n* grudge, a spite, or a score that prompts sb to act *xiiqii isaatii jedheen raadiyoonii bitadhe* I bought a radio out of spite, e.g., because he had offended me by not letting me use his.

**xiixaa**<sup>1</sup> See *xiixuu*

**xiixaa**<sup>2</sup> *adj* **1** hasty **2** strong; energetic

**xiixaa**<sup>3</sup> Same as *furrisa* under *furrisuu*

**xiixanuu** Same as *bokokuu*

**xiixuu** *iv* **1** say or utter *waa tokko utuu hin xiixin ka'ee deeme* He got up and left without uttering a word. *cal jedhi; waa tokko hin xiixin* Keep quiet; don't utter a word. **2** be grave or solemn, usu to the point of looking arrogant *soddaan isaa ni/in xiixa* His in-law is solemn and arrogant. **xiixaa** *adj, n* **1** wheezing cough or sound **2** solemn and proud **3** septum of cattle, i.e., a partition or membrane between the

nostrils **4** a ring inserted in a pierced septum of a headstrong bull. A rope is then attached to the ring and used for leading/controlling the bull

**xiixxuu** See *xixxiixuu*

**xilaa** *n* umbrella; see also *agoobara/daatuu*

**xiloo** *n* a stick that is thrown to transfix and stop a *geengoo* in motion; see also *hofaa*

**xilooshii** *n* bride price; see also *uwwisaa* under *uwwisuu*

**xiluu** Same as *qaruu*

**ximbiiruu** Same as *xibiiruu*

**ximbiriira** See *ximbiriiruu*

**ximbiriiruu** *iv* dash, sprint, or run very fast *mucaan kee fagootti na argee ximbiriiree dhufee na dhungate* Your child saw me from a distance, ran fast towards me, and kissed me. **ximbiriira** *n* a dash, a sprint, or running very fast

**ximbirraa** *n* washer, i.e., metal, ivory, etc., ring for making a joint of a knife, sword, etc., tight

**ximboo** Same as *masaanqoo*

**ximboo kaachisuu** Same as *xembee kaachisuu*

**xinnaa** Same as *xinnoo* under *xinnaachuu*

**xinnaachuu** *iv* **1** be/become inadequate, insufficient, too small, or too little in size or quantity *nyaati kun ni/in xinnaate; wal hin gawu* This food is too small; it's not enough to go round. *bishaan kun na duraa xinnaate* This water is too little (I

want some more). *kittaan kun natti xinnaate* This shirt is too small for me. **2** be beneath, i.e., in rank, in station of life, etc., *maaliif isee fuuchuu dide? itti xinnaattee?* Why did he refuse to marry her? Is she beneath him? **3** (fig) be belittled, be ashamed, or be humiliated *nama keessatti xinnaatte* She was humiliated in the presence of people.

**xinnayyoo** *adj* (usu of children) small *gurbaa/intala xinnayyoo* a small boy/girl **xinneeffamuu** *tv* be made little or small *nyaati kun ni/in xinneeffame* This food is made too small **xinneenya** *n* **1** being little/small *uuroo sana xinneenya isaan jibbe malee nan bitan ture* If I had not hated that jar for being too small, I would have bought it. **2** shame, disgrace, or humiliation *hannaan mana hidhaa galuun xinneenya* It is a disgrace to be sent to prison for stealing. **xinneessuu** *tv* **1** skimp; make too little/small *ittootti dhadhaa xinneessite* She skimped the butter when she prepared the sauce, i.e. she didn't put enough butter in the stew. *nyaata isaa duraa xinneessitee dabaliif* You made his food too little; give him more. **2** belittle; disgrace or humiliate *nama fuul duratti na xinneesse* He humiliated me in front of people. **xinnoo** *adj* **1** few, little, or small *yaroo xinnoo na eegi* Wait for me a little while. *nama xinnootu dhufe* Few people

showed up. *ashaboo xinnoo itti dabali* Add a little more salt to it.

**2** (fig) small,, i.e., littleness of mind or character *namni xinnoon nama xinneessiti* Small men or women belittle people.

**xinnoosee** *n* just a little; a tiny bit *bishaan xinnoosee na eegi* Wait for me just a moment/little. *hedduu miti; xinnoosee barbaaddi* Not much; she wants just a little. **xinnooseetti** *adv* (usu preceded by *amma*) almost, barely, or just only *amma xinnooseetti du'a oolte* It was close thing or call; she almost died.

**xinnayyoo** See *xinnachuu*

**xinneenya** See *xinnaachuu*

**xinneessuu** See *xinnaachuu*

**xinni qee** *n* falls; waterfall, i.e., water that flows over the edge of a steep cliff and falls to the ground below; see also *fincaa* under *fincaawuu*

**xinni q gochuu** *tv* cause to flow through a narrow opening

**xinnoo** See *xinnaachuu*

**xinnoosee** See *xinnaachuu*

**xinnooseetti** See *xinnaachuu*

**xinnoosee** Same as *xinnosee* under *xinnaachuu*

**xinnooseetti** Same as *xinnooseetti* under *xinnaachuu*

**xinnootti** Same as *xinnooseetti* under *xinnaachuu*

**xinnummaa** Same as *xinneenya* under *xinnaachuu*

**xinqissaa** Same as *agadaa* (**1**)

**xinsisii** See *xansasuu*

**xinsoo** Same as *komii* under *komachuu*  
**xiqqaa** Same as *xinnaa* under *xinnaachuu*  
**xiqqaachuu** Same as *xinnaachuu*  
**xiqqashoo** Same as *xinnoo* under *xinnaachuu*  
**xiqqeeffamuu** Same as *xinneeffamuu* under *xinnaachuu*  
**xiqqeenya** Same as *xinneenya* under *xinnaachuu*  
**xiqueessuu** Same as *xinneessuu* under *xinnaachuu*  
**xiqqishuu** Same as *xinnoo* under *xinnaachuu*  
**xiqqoo** Same as *xinnoo* under *xinnaachuu*  
**xiqqummaa** Same as *xinneenya* under *xinneessuu*  
**xiraawuu** *iv* smell bad/foul; stink very much *maal inni asii xiraawuu* What is it that stinks around here? **xiraayaa** *adj* smelly/stinky/stinking *waan xiraayaa kana mana baasii gati* Throw out this smelly/stinking stuff! **xireeffachuu** *tv* hate sb very much *eegan isee xireeff-adhee tureera* It has been a long time since I hated her.  
**xireeffamuu** *tv* (passive) be abhorred/hated **xireeffata** *n* 1 hatred **2** Same as *ajeessaa* under *ajaawuu* **xireessuu** *tv* cause to stink or smell foul; make filthy *iddoo kana eenyutu akkana xireesse?* Who made this place so filthy? **xirooftuu** *adj* stinker, i.e., one that stinks; see also *ajaawuu*  
**xiraayaa** See *xiraawuu*

**xireeffachuu** See *xiraawuu*  
**xireeffamuu** See *xiraawuu*  
**xireeffata** See *xiraawuu*  
**xireessuu** See *xiraawuu*  
**xir gochuu** Same as *xar gochuu*  
**xirinyii** *n* 1 civet/civet-cat **2** civet, i.e., substance from certain glands of the civet-cat  
**xirooftuu** See *xiraawuu*  
**xirqanuu** Same as *carquu*  
**xiwoo** Same as *xiyoo*  
**xixuu** Same as *dubbii koruu* under *dubbachuu*  
**xixxiixuu** *iv* **1** (usu used of birds) cheep, chirp, chirrup, or tweet *simbirroon eessaa xixxiixi?* From where is a bird chirping? **2** (usu of babies) whimper after waking up *mucaan irribaa dammaqee xixxiixe* The baby woke up and whimpered. **xiixxuu** *n* narrow opening through which a whistling sound passes  
**xiyoo** *n* **1** fleshy ridge around finger-/toe-nail *qoraattiin xiyoo quba arka kootii na waraane* A thorn pricked the fleshy ridge around my finger-nail. **2** eye-lid lining **3** a kind of climbing plant that trails over trees, walls, etc., usu formed into a basket for putting jars, pots, etc., in it to prevent breakage  
**xiyya** **1** Same as *iddaa* **2** Same as *futtaasee* under *futta'uu*  
**xiyyaara** *n* **1** (of coins) new and shiny *taamunii xiyyaaraa* a new and shiny coin **2** airplane; see also *baaburbaallee*

**xiyyabadii** *n* a plant (or its fruit) that resembles *maxxannee* under *maxxanuu*

**xiyyee**<sup>1</sup> *n* arrow *futtaasee fi xiyyee naa fidi* Bring me a bow and an arrow.

**xiyyee**<sup>2</sup> Same as *xiyyabadii*

**xiyyoo** Same as *qarqara*

**xiyyoomuu** Same as *jabaachuu* (2)

**xobbee** *adj* 1 (of fruit, crop in the fields, etc.,) green, tender (not hardy), or unripe *boqqolloo xobbee maaliif cabsite?* Why did you cut this green ear of corn? 2 (fig) of tender age *mucaa xobbee* a child of tender age

**xobbootii** *adj* (usu of sheep or goat) young and plump *oolaa xobbootii qale* He slaughtered a young and plump sheep.

**xollobachuu** See *xollobuu*

**xollobuu** *tv* beg for money (usu indifferently) **xollobachuu** *tv* beg for money for self (indifferently)

**xombee** Same as *xobbee*

**xomboora** *n* faggot/fagot, i.e., torch made of sticks or twigs tied together

**xomboree** *n* (archaic) young female slave of marriageable age

**xonboora** Same as *xomboora*

**xoofoo** *n* a large, drinking gourd or horn cup

**xoolagaa** Same as *ergaramaa* under *ergaramuu*

**xoolaguu** Same as *ergaramuu*

**xoolaqii** clothes of a deceased person, usu given away to his/her relatives

**xoolayxuu** Same as *ergaramtuu* under *ergaramuu*

**xoollagaa** Same as *soollagaa* under *soollaguu*

**xoollagduu** Same as *soollagduu* under *soollaguu*

**xoollaguu** Same as *soollaguu*

**xoolla'uu** Same as *tortoruu* (2)

**xoollessuu** Same as *tortorsuu* (2) under *tortoruu*

**xoompha'uu** *iv* be crushed/dented *saaniin ni/in xoompha'e* The plate was crushed.

**xoomphessuu** *tv* crush/dent *saanii irra ejjetee xoomphessite* She stepped on the plate and crushed it.

**xoomphessuu** See *xoompha'uu*

**xoomuu** Same as *soomuu*

**xoopharuu** Same as *soollaguu*

**xooree** Same as *eeboo*

**xooruu** *tv* care for, look after, or provide for, usu for the poor and the aged *awuu ani dulloomu ilmi koo na xooru* When I get old, my son will care for me.

**xoosa** *n* (usu takes the various forms of *fudhachuu*) harm or sin; scapegoat *sangaan koo xoosa koo fudhatee du'e* My ox (i.e., scapegoat) died bearing my sin or any harm that could have been meant for me.

**xoosinyee** Same as *xoosinyii*

**xoosinyii** *n* sweet smelling, wild grass that is excellent for fattening, usu bulls

**xoosinyoo** Same as *xoosinyii*

**xooxarsuu** See *xooxaruu*

**xooxaruu** *iv* (used of grains or seeds in pods or the pod itself) shrivel, wilt, or wither *bunni koo na duraa xooxare* My coffee berries have wilted. **xooxarsuu** *tv* cause to shrivel, wilt, or wither *dhukkubi inni akkana buna koo xooxarse maayinni laata?* What kind of blight could have made my coffee beans shrivel like this?  
**xooxifachuu** Same as *qoollifachuu* (2)

**xoph gochuu** Same as *xoph godhuu*  
**xoph godhuu** *tv* pour, drop, or put small quantity of liquid or semi-liquid in/into liquid *ittootti bishaan xoph godhi* Add a drop of water to the sauce. *bunatti dhadhaa xoph gootee dhugi naan jette* She put little butter in the coffee and told me to drink it.

**xoph jechuu** *iv* 1 (of liquid) drop/fall *xeeqqoo alaattiitu mataa isaa irratti xoph jedhe* Bird shit dropped on his head. 2 get down from sth on which one is riding *farda irraa xoph jedhee na dhungate* He dismounted from his horse at once and kissed me.

**xosh gochuu** *tv* pop/break usu sth dry and light by squeezing it *qabee xosh goote* She broke the gourd. *loomii irra ejjetee xosh godhe* He stepped on a lemon and burst it.

**xosh jechuu** *iv* break with a sharp, quick sound *qabeen xosh jedhe* The gourd broke.

**xossaa** *n* a kind of plant with round seed pods from which an edible round fruit is obtained  
**xossee** *n* thin and weak gourd that breaks easily

**xulub jechuu** Same as *utaaluu*

**xullubuu** Same as *utaaluu*

**xulluquu** Same as *budduqsuu*

**xumura** See *xumuruu*

**xumurroo** *n* leather sandals or slippers

**xumurachuu** See *xumuruu*

**xumuramuu** See *xumuruu*

**xumuruu** *tv* 1 complete, end, or wind up one's speech, work, etc., *haasaa koo asi irrattan xumura* I would like to wind up my speech at this point. 2 plane or cut off the edge of sth so as to give it a finishing touch *qabee kana xumuri* Plane the edge of this gourd and give it a finishing touch. **xumura** *n* finishing or completion; conclusion  
**xumurachuu** *tv* finish or complete for self **xumuramuu** *tv* (passive) be completed or finished; be concluded

**xunjutii** *n* a kind of tree the leaves of which are used for scenting jars in which beer is brewed.

**xunxuna** See *xunxunuu*

**xunxunsiisuu** See *xunxunuu*

**xunxunuu** *iv* (usu used of drying springs, rivers, etc.) trickle *lagattiin ni/in xunxunti malee baayy'iftee hin yaatu* The water from the spring trickles; it doesn't stream, i.e., it doesn't flow fast and strong. **xunxuna** *n*

trickle, i.e., a trickling flow of water **xunxunsiisuu** *tv* cause to trickle

**xuqamuu** Same as *tuqamuu* under *tuquu*

**xuquu** Same as *tuquu*

**xuraawuu** *iv* become dirty or filthy *kittaaan koo xuraayeeraa naa miicci* My shirt has become dirty; wash it for me. **xuraayaa** *adj* dirty or filthy *burcuqqoo xuraayaa kana dhiqi* Wash this dirty glass.

**xureessuu** *tv* make dirty *kittaa isaa xureesseeraa miicciif* He has made his shirt dirty; wash it for him. **xurii** *n* 1 dirt or filth *xurii kee dhiqadhu* Wash the dirt off your body. 2 menstruation; a woman's period **xurii qeensa** *n* nonentity/nobody, i.e., a person of no importance at all *hedduu nama tuffatti; isee dhaaf namni hundinuu xurii qeensaati* She despises people. For her, everyone is nobody/a nonentity.

**xurooftuu** *adj* (of persons, animals, or things) extremely dirty or filthy *kittaa xurooftuu kana gati ykn miicci* Either throw away this filthy shirt or wash it.

**xuraayaa** See *xuraawuu*

**xureechuu** Same as *xureessuu* under *xuraawuu*

**xureessuu** See *xuraawuu*

**xurii** See *xuraawuu*

**xurooftuu** See *xuraawuu*

**xurree** Same as *daandii* (1)

**xurumbaa** *n* bugle; trumpet

**xurunbullee** Same as *bareedduu* under *bareeduu*

**xuruurfachuu** See *xuruuruu*

**xuruurfamuu** See *xuruuruu*

**xuruursuu** See *xuruuruu*

**xuruuruu** *iv, tv* 1 (usu from containers or over a face) trickle, i.e., flow in a thin stream *imimmaan isee maddii isee irraa gadi xuruure* Tears trickled down her cheeks. 2 Same as *daguuguu*

**xuruurfachuu** *tv* pour out to the last drop for self *farsoon xinnoon uuroo keessa jiraa xuruurfadhuu dhugi* There is some beer in the jar; pour it out (to the last drop) and drink it. **xuruurfamuu** *tv* (passive) be poured out completely **xuruursuu** *tv* pour out to the last drop *farsoo xuruursii kenniif* Pour out the beer to the last drop and give it to him.

**xuubii** *n* brick *mannii xuubii dhaan ijaarame baay'ee cimaa dha* a brick house is very strong.

**xuuccisiisuu** See *xuuxuu*

**xuuchisuu** Same as *xuuccisiisuu* under *xuuxuu*

**xuuffoo** Same as *xiifoo*; see also *libaallibsaa* under *libaallibsuu*

**xuujii** Same as *tujuba*

**xuullawuu** Same as *quphanuu*

**xuunxoo** *n* 1 a small vessel made from fiber, usu used for drinking milk 2 Same as *xuuxxoo*

**xuunxuu** Same as *quuxxee*

**xuupheessuu** Same as *walitti qabuu* under *walitti*

**xuuphanoo** a kind of tree the fruit of which is edible

**xuupheysuu** Same as *xuupheessuu*

**xuurii** *n* sin, i.e., offence against  
*xuurii natti ojgate* He sinned  
against me. *nama balleessaa hin*  
*qabne hidhuun xuurii dha* It is a  
sin to imprison an innocent  
person.

**xuuxachiisuu** See *xuuxuu*

**xuuxachuu** See *xuuxuu*

**xuuxamaa** See *xuuxuu*

**xuuxamuu** See *xuuxuu*

**xuuxillaa** Same as *buchullaa*

**xuuxuu** *iv*, *tv* **1** smoke (cigar,  
cigarette, pipe) *sijaaraa xuuxa* He  
smokes a cigarette. **2** suck juice  
or blood from or out of *loomii*  
*xuuxi ni/in fayyitaa* Suck the juice  
from the lemon; you will  
recover. *lafa bofi si iddee murii*  
*dhiiga xuuxi* Cut over the snake-  
bitten area and suck the blood  
out. *ni huuqqate; maaltu dhiiga isaa*  
*keessaa xuuxe* How come he has  
lost so much weight as if sth had  
sucked blood out of him **3** Same  
as *huuqqachuu xuuccisiisuu tv 1*  
offer sb a cigar, cigarette, or a  
pipe *mee gaayyaa kee na xuuccisiisi*  
Let me smoke your tobacco pipe.  
**2** (fig) relieve sb from work so  
that he/she can smoke *qotiyyoo*  
*na arkaa fuudhee gaayyaa na*  
*xuuccisiise* He relieved me of  
plowing and enabled me to  
smoke. **3** cause to like smoking  
*ayyaana/dhukkuba kootu gaayyaa*  
*na xuuccisiisa* It is my guardian  
spirit or my disease that makes  
me smoke. **4** snuff tobacco  
powder/snuff *oofee/surrata xuuxa*  
*malee gaayyaa hin xuuxu* He

snuffs tobacco powder or snuff;  
he doesn't smoke a pipe.

**xuuxachiisuu** *tv* (used of sth  
being boiled) dehydrate, i.e.,  
cause it to lose moisture *raafuu*  
*kana abidda itti bobeessii*

*xuuxachiisi* Add fuel to the fire so  
that the cabbage being boiled  
will lose most of its moisture  
gradually. **xuuxachuu** *tv 1* (used  
of sth being boiled) be gradually  
dehydrated *raafuun xuuxateeraa*

The cabbage being boiled has  
now lost most of its moisture by  
degrees. **2** snuff powder tobacco  
**xuuxamaa** *adj 1* skinny **2** of  
lemon, sugar cane, etc., from  
which the juice has been sucked  
out completely **xuuxamuu** *tv*  
(passive) be sucked or be skinny

**xuuxxamaa** Same as *xuuxamaa*  
under *xuuxuu*

**xuuxxamuu** Same as *xuuxamuu*  
under *xuuxuu*

**xuuxxachuu** Same as *xuuxachuu*  
under *xuuxuu*

**xuuxxoo** *n 1* a feeding bottle *haatii*  
*irraa duunaan mucaa isaa xuuxxoo*  
*dhaan guddifate* Because of the  
death of the mother, he brought  
up the baby by hand, i.e., by  
feeding it from a bottle. **2** lemon

**xuuyxufa** *n* a variety of local  
bread

**xuwwee** *n* a small pot for boiling  
vegetables, processing butter,  
etc.,



## y/Y

**yaa**<sup>1</sup> (vocative; precedes an adjective or a noun) **1** oh, expression of sympathy or commiseration *yaa haadha koo dhukkubsachuun kee na gaddisiiseera, garuu maalin sii godha?* Oh, dear mother, your being ill makes me sad, but what can I do for you? **2** oh, expression of alarm *yaa biyyaa maa teessu manni gubate woo!* Oh, people why are you sitting? The house is on fire! **3** oh, expression of praise *yaa kormee koo jabaadhu* Common my clever one, be strong.

**yaa**<sup>2</sup> (vocative) you, i.e., usu used when talking to one's pal without mentioning his/her name *maal jette, yaa* What did you say? *hin irraanfatin, yaa* you, don't forget.

**yaa'a** See *yaa'uu*

**yaabamuu** Same as *yaabuu*

**yaabbachiisuu** See *yaabuu*

**yaabbachuu** See *yaabuu*

**yaabbannoo** See *yaabuu*

**yaabbata**<sup>1</sup> Same as *yaabbannoo* (**2**) under *yaabuu*

**yaabbata**<sup>2</sup> *n 1* Same as *gabaroo 2* (archaic) slave

**yaabbataa** See *yaabuu*

**yaabbatamuu** See *yaabuu*

**yaabbattuu** See *yaabuu*

**yaabbii** See *yaabuu*

**yaabsisuu** Same as *yaabbachiisuu* under *yaabuu*

**yaabuu** *tv 1* climb *muka yaabe* He climbed a tree. **2** ride or mount, i.e., get on/in a horse, a mule, a truck, a car, etc., *farda yaabdee qajeelte* She mounted a horse and rode away. *ani makiinaa yaabee him/im beeku* I have never ridden in a car. **3** (usu bulls) mount a female in order to copulate *korma isa kamtu sa'a koo yaabe?* Which bull mounted my cow?

**yaabamuu** *tv* (passive) **1** (used of female animals) be mounted *sa'i iseen kun yaabamteetti*. This cow has been already mounted. **2** (vulgar) (of a human female) be fucked **yaabbachiisuu** *tv 1* help, i.e., give a hand or assist sb climb sth, get on a horse, a mule, a truck etc., *farda kana na yaabbachiisi* Please help me mount this horse (I'm too short to mount it by myself). **2** allow/permit sb to ride one's horse, mule, vehicle, etc., *farda kee na yaabbachiisi* Please let me ride your horse. **3** cause a bull to mount a female *achi ijaajjitee korma kana sa'a ulfa yaabbachiiftaa!* You stand there and make this bull mount a pregnant cow! **yaabbannoo** *n 1* ladder; steps or stairs on which people step and climb *gombisaan kun yaabbannoo hin qabu* This granary has no steps (for climbing). **2** climbing *yaabbannoo yoo him/im beekne, muka dheeraa kana yaabuu hin*

*dandeessu* If you don't know how to climb, you can't climb this tall tree. **yaabbataa** *adj* of a male who is good at riding a horse **yaabbatamuu** *tv* (used of a pack horse or mule) begin to be mounted *fardi sun geenyyaa ture amma garuu ni/in yaabbatama* That horse used to be used as a parck horse, but now he is used for riding. **yaabbattuu** *adj* (of persons) expert in riding a horse; jockey **yaabbii** *n* riding; climbing *farda yaabbii itti him/im beektu* You don't know how to ride a horse.

**yaachisuu** See *yaaduu*

**yaada** See *yaaduu*

**yaadachiisuu** See *yaaduu*

**yaadachuu** See *yaaduu*

**yaadamuu** See *yaaduu*

**yaadannoo** See *yaaduu*

**yaaddachiisuu** Same as

*yaadachiisuu* under *yaaduu*

**yaaddachuu** Same as *yaadachuu* under *yaaduu*

**yaaddamuu** Same as *yaadamuu* under *yaaduu*

**yaadda'uu** See *yaaduu*

**yaaddessuu** See *yaaduu*

**yaaddoo** See *yaaduu*

**yaadii** See *yaaduu*

**yaaduu** *iv* 1 think, i.e., exercise the mind to formulate opinions; consider *itti yaadeen sitti hima* I will think about it and let you know/tell you. *olis yaadeen gadis yaadeen mala isaa wl'aale* I have considered all possiblities, but I still don't know the solution to

the problem. 2 think of sb/sth, i.e., have care or consideration *anaafis naa yaadi* Think of me, too. *dhirsa isheetii baay'ee yaaddi* She thinks of her husband's well-being, etc., very much. *sangaa isaatii yaadeetu yeroo malee irraa hika* He cared for his oxen's well-being, so he unharnessed them before the regular working time was over. 3 be anxious, distressed, troubled, or worry about/over sth *naa hin yaadin; ani humaa hin ta'u* Don't worry about me; nothing will happen to me. *utuun itti hin himin yoon asi bule haati koo ni/in yaaddi* If I stay the night here without telling my mother, she will worry. 4 long to see/be with sb after long separation; miss *haadha manaa koon yaade* I'm longing to see/be with my wife/I miss my wife **yaachisuu** *tv* cause concern or worry *lafa haadha ofii yaachisuu ooluu manna lafa haadha manaa ofii yaachisuu oolu wayya* For a young man, it is better to be late at a place which makes his wife worry than to be at a place which makes his mother very concerned about his safety (because a mother usu worries that her son's delay is due to some accident whereas his wife usu thinks that he is late because he is womanizing). **yaada** *n* 1 thought or thinking; care, concern, or worry *namni yaada*

*hin qabne jiraa?* Is there anyone who is without thought or worry? *yaada malee jiraata* He lives without any thought or concern. *yaadi isaa na hin galu* I can't understand his thinking or mind. *yaadatu naan guule* I was lost in thought. **2** idea, i.e., plan or scheme *isatu akkasitti ojjadhu jedhee yaada naa kenne* He was the one who gave me an idea of how to do it. **yaadachiisuu** *tv* remind sb to do sth *akka ani bor yaa'i dhaqu na yaadachiisi* Remind me to attend tomorrow's meeting. **yaadachuu** *tv* **1** recall, recollect, or remember, i.e., call back to mind; think of *maqaa isaa eegan irraanfadhlee booddeen yaadadhe* I remembered his name (after forgetting it). **2** think of sb; remember, i.e., bear sb in mind as deserving a gift, money, help, etc., *ilmi koo barana na yaadatee birri dhibba naa erge* This year my son thought of me and sent me one hundred birr **yaada galfachuu** *iv* **1** mature, i.e., outgrow childhood behavior and become fully developed emotionally and mentally *akka awuu ijoollummaa isaa miti; amma yaada galfateera* He is not what he used to be when he was young; now he has matured. **2** think carefully/seriously before making a statement, judgement, a decision etc., *inni utuu yaada sirriitti hin galfatin hin dubbatu* He doesn't say anything before

thinking carefully. **yaadamuu** *tv* (usu takes *itti*) [passive] be thought *ojiin ati amma jalqabde kun sirriitti itti yaadameeraa?* Is what you have started doing given serious thought? **yaadannoo** *n* remembrance, i.e., sth a person keeps to remind him/her of a person or an event **yaadda'uu** *iv* be concerned; worry *awuu ilmi koo rophilaanii dhaan deemu nan yaadda'a* I worry whenever my son flies. **yaaddressuu** *tv* cause anxiety, trouble, or worry *dhukkubi mucaa kootii heddu na yaaddesse* My child's illness worried me a lot. **yaaddoo** *n* anxiety, concern, or worry *yaaddoo ijoolllee iseeutu akkana isee dulloomse* Worries about her children have made her so old. *aramaan yoo baayy'ate yaaddoo namatti ta'a* A field of crop that has run to weeds becomes a cause for worry. **yaadii** *n* earnest decision, promise, vow, or word of honor usu made to self to carry out sth *yaadii dha intalattiin na arkaa hin/im baatu*. Upon my word, I don't want to miss the girl; I am determined to marry her. *yaadii dha ojii kana fixuu malee aara hin galfadhu* It is a word of a gentleman: I will not have/take a rest unless I finish this work. See also *booree* (3)

**yaafachiisuu** See *yaa'uu*

**yaafachuu** See *yaa'uu*

**yaafamuu** See *yaa'uu*

**yaagimboo** Same as *agiboo*  
**yaa'ii** Same as *yayii*  
**yaa'ii beeraa** *n* (lit means an assembly of old women) clump or cluster of stunted twigs or plants  
**yaala** See *yaaluu*  
**yaalachuu** See *yaaluu*  
**yaalamuu** See *yaaluu*  
**yaallachuu** Same as *yaalachuu* under *yaaluu*  
**yaaluu** *iv* 1 contemplate, have in mind, intend, or plan to do sth *koolejii galuu ni/in yaalti* She intends to go to college. 2 Same as *sooruu* 3 try *yoo ammam yaaley yuu ulee kana cabsuu hin danda'u* No matter how hard he tries he can't break this stick. **yaala** *n* 1 aim, intention, or plan *yaalli isee naa hin galu* I can't understand her intentions. 2 Same as *soorata* under *soorachuu* 3 attempt **yaalachuu** Same as *soorachuu* **yaalamuu** *tv* (passive) be intended/contemplated; be nursed, usu with proper diet  
**yaamaatuu** Same as *raatoftuu* under *raata'uu*  
**yaama'uu** Same as *raata'uu*  
**yaammachuu** Same as *waammachuu* under *waamuu*  
**yaamsisuu** Same as *waamsisuu* under *waamuu*  
**yaamuu** Same as *waamuu*  
**yaaphachiisuu** Same as *yaabbachiisuu* under *yaabuu*  
**yaaphachuu** Same as *yaabbachuu*  
**yaaphata** Same as *yaabbannoo* under *yaabuu*

**yaaphatamuu** Same as *yaabbatamuu* under *yaabuu*  
**yaaphii** Same as *yaabbii* under *yaabuu*  
**yaaqii** Same as *haqqii*  
**yaarabbii** *n* annual festivity women organize under a huge tree where small children compete with each other at grabbing as much milk-soaked bread as they can, carry it in their folded shirts, and run away with it in a given direction. Mothers get a lot of fun out of this.  
**yaasaa** See *yaa'uu*  
**yaasisuu** See *yaa'uu*  
**yaasuu** See *yaa'uu*  
**yaa ta'u** expression that means okay, fine, let it be  
**yaata'uu** *iv* be out of one's wits, become or be somewhat crazy, demented, deranged, insane, lunatic, mad; lose one's head, reason, senses, or go off one's head; be confused *eega haati manaa isaa duutee asi yaata'eera* He has become somewhat crazy ever since his wife passed away. **yaatessaa** *n* insanity, lunacy, or madness; confusion *yaatessaa maaliitu na qabe jarana?* People, what kind of madness has seized me? **yaatessuu** *tv* cause to be crazy, insane, or mad *qorichaan isa yaatessan* They drugged him and made him crazy. **yaatuu** *adj* crazy, insane, lunatic, or mad *yaatuun kun maal beeka?* What

does this lunatic know? See also  
*raata'uu*  
**yaatessaa** See *yaata'uu*  
**yaatessuu** See *yaata'uu*  
**yaatuu**<sup>1</sup> See *yaata'uu*  
**yaatuu**<sup>2</sup> *n* myrtle, i.e., an  
 evergreen shrub with which usu  
 tea is flavored  
**yaa'uceed** *n* a set of five *buusaa* (2)  
 under *bu'uu*  
**yaa'uu** *iv* 1 flow, i.e., move along  
 smoothly as water in a river  
 does "Bishaan ati goda ijaajjitee  
 booressitu kun awuu inni ol yaa'ee  
 na bira gawu akka ani dhuguu  
 wal'aaltee? maaliif nattii  
 booressita!" jedhee harree ifate  
 waraabessi. A hyena angrily said  
 to a donkey, "Why are you  
 standing in the water down  
 there and make it turbid? Am I  
 supposed to drink it when it  
 flows up here!" Harreetiinis  
 sodaachaa akkasi jettee deebiftiif,  
 "Akkuma na nyaachuuf  
 qophooftetti na nyaadhu malee,  
 bishaan ol hin yaa'uu!" The poor  
 donkey replied timidly: "Since  
 you have already made up your  
 mind to eat me, do it without  
 inventing a pretext. Water flows  
 down hill; it doesn't flow up  
 hill". *imimmaantu maddii isee irra*  
*gadi yaa'e* Tears flowed down her  
 cheeks. 2 flock, i.e., gather, come,  
 or go in great numbers *kaleessa*  
*nama baay'eetu gabaatti yaa'e*  
 Many people flocked to the  
 market yesterday. *na rukutuu*  
*dhaaf natti yaa'an* They gathered

round me to attack me. 3 (usu  
 used of a line of ants, cattle)  
 move in a line following one  
 another *sawwan bishaanitti*  
*yaa'aa jiru* The cattle, following  
 one another, are going to the  
 river to drink water. *mixiin asiin*  
*yaate* Ants, following one  
 another, came out this way. 4  
 (usu of domestic animals) be  
 released and taken out to a  
 grazing field *sa'i yaateettii?* Are  
 the cattle released and taken to a  
 grazing field? 5 (usu used of a  
 snake) creep or crawl *bofa*  
*gur'aacha tokkodu kabaa jalaa yaa'ee*  
*asiin baye* A black snake crawled  
 under the wall and came out this  
 way. **yaa'aa** *n* liquid **yaa'ii** *n* 1  
 assembly or meeting; court *bor*  
*akka yaa'ii hin oolle* Don't fail to  
 be present at tomorrow's  
 meeting. *yaa'ii hin quuftuu waasii*  
*naa ta'i* (saying) Since you are  
 never tired of going to court, any  
 way, be my guarantor. [since  
 people usu hate to be  
 guarantors, this is a clever way  
 of discouraging a man whose  
 obsession is to go to court from  
 doing so] 2 (takes *waraabessa*) a  
 pack of hyenas *yaa'ii waraabessan*  
*arge* I saw a pack of hyenas.  
**yaafachiisuu** *tv* cause sb to steal  
 cattle [lit make sb drive cattle  
 out of a cattle pen] *ollaa dhuma*  
*kootu sa'a koo yaafachiise ta'a* It  
 must be my own neighbor who  
 colluded with thieves and made  
 them steal my cattle. **yaafachuu**

*tv* 1 release animals and take them out to a grazing field (for self) 2 steal animals from their pen (for self) *eda hattuun korma tokko na duraa yaafatte* Last night, thieves stole my bull (from the cattle pen). **yaafamuu** *tv* (passive) be released and taken to a grazing field *sa'i yaafamtee?* Are the cattle released and taken to the grazing field? **yaasaa** *n* the act of taking animals to a grazing field *yeroo sa'a yaasaa hin dhufin* Don't come at the time when animals are taken to a grazing field. **yaasisuu** *tv* cause sb to take animals to a grazing field *har'a ana sa'a yaasise* Today, he made me take the animals to a grazing field. **yaasuu** *tv* 1 free/ release animals and take them to a grazing field *sa'a yaasee tapha deeme* He took the animals to a grazing field and then went to play 2 Same as *falfaluu*<sup>1</sup> 3 cause to flow *lolaan akka mana hin seenne asiin yaasi* To prevent the flood from entering the house, make it flow this way.

**yaayya** *n* ancestor, forebear, or forefather; progenitor, i.e., a person that originates

**yabala** Same as *jabala*

**yabaloo**<sup>1</sup> Same as *jabala*

**yabaloo**<sup>2</sup> *n* a kind of grass

**yabbachuu** *iv* ( used for things like cloth, flat board, flat earthenware utensils, soil, wooden plate, etc.; usu *not* used for animals or humans)

be/become thick *daabboon koo ni/in yabbate* My bread became too thick. **yabbina** *n* thickness *yabbina isaan jibbee malee daabboon koo sirriitti bilchaateera* Although I did not like its thickness, my bread was well baked. **yabbisuu** *tv* cause to be thick **yabboo** *n* thick log used as a partition between a cooking place and a bed; see also *gulantaa* (2) **yabbuu** *adj* (usu of cloth, flat earthenware, etc.) thick *eelee yabbuu bitte* You bought a thick earthen griddle.

**yabba**<sup>1</sup> *n* objective; purpose

**yabba**<sup>2</sup> Same as *tabba*

**yabbina** See *yabbachuu*

**yabbisuu** See *yabbachuu*

**yabboo**<sup>1</sup> See *yabbachuu*

**yabboo**<sup>2</sup> Same as *maaloo*

**yabbuu**<sup>1</sup> See *yabbachuu*

**yabbuu**<sup>2</sup> *n* aspect, attitude, countenance, facial expression, frown, mien, or scowl *yabbuu dhaan na ilaale* He stared me out of countenance. *yabbuu isaa jibbeen itti himuu dhiise* I didn't tell him because I didn't like his threatening attitude. *akkan sobe yabbuu dhaan na irratti bare* He knew that I was lying just from my facial expression.

**yaboo** Same as *galchaa* (1) under *galfachuu*

**yadala** *n* tune, melody, or air i.e., a succession of musical sounds produced by a singer

**yadalee** Same as *yadala*

**yadaloo** Same as *yadala*

**yadii** *n* a female buffalo [cf.,  
*koromtoo* (1)]

**yaggee** Same as *yagiyoo*

**yaggus** Same as *awus*

**yagguu** *adv* **1** when *yagguu ati dhuftun gabaa dhaqa* I will go to the market when you come.  
*yagguu irbaatii qophaawu kottu*  
Come when dinner is ready. **2** at this time; at that time or then  
*yagguu sana eessa turte?* Where were you at that time/then? *bor yagguu kana kottu* Come tomorrow at this time.

**yagiboo** Same as *agiboo*

**yagilloo** *n* bee-hive made of boards; cf., *gaagura* under *gaaguruu*

**yagiyo** *adj* (usu used of a person) stunted; contemptible, despicable, and puny; trouble maker *gurbattiin yagiyoon kun maal barbaaddi?* What does this stunted/puny, despicable boy want?

**yagudufii** *n* measles

**ya'ii** Same as *yayii*

**yaka'ii** *n* busyness; bustle *yaka'ii irra jiru* They are in a bustle.

**yakka** See *yakkuu*

**yakkamaa** See *yakkuu*

**yakkamtuu** See *yakkuu*

**yakkisiisuu** See *yakkuu*

**yakkitoota** See *yakkuu*

**yakkuu** *iv* **1** hesitate *yoo kittaana kun garaa si gawuu baatee yakkite hin bitin* If you hesitate because you are not satisfied with the shirt, don't buy it. See also *shakkuu* **2** regret *sangaa koo eegan*

*gurguree boodan yakke* I regretted after I had sold my ox. See also *gaabbuu* **3** commit a crime; be at fault; be guilty of wrong doing; spoil *isatu yakke* He was the one who committed a crime. *foolii isa yakke* He has bad breath.

*waamichi hamaan owwaannaa yakka* (saying) Rude way of calling a person results in saying "yes" haughtily **yakka** *n* crime; wrong doing; sin *yakka nutti hojjatan* They wronged us **yakkamaa** *adj* (of a male human) sinner; criminal **yakkamtuu** *adj* (of a person) sinner; criminal **yakkamuu** *tv* (passive) be sinned against; be wronged *nan yakkame jettee jaarsaatti himatte* She told the elders (judges) that she was wronged (by sb).

**yakkisiisuu** *tv* **1** cause to sin/commit a crime **2** cause to regret *sangaa koo akkan birri dhibbatti gurgure itti himnaa rakasa gurgurte jedhee na yakkisiise* When I told him that I sold my ox for one hundred birr, he made me regret by saying that it was sold cheap. **yakkitoota** *n* sinners; criminals, offenders, or wrongdoers

**yambii** *n* **1** cushion for pack animals to protect them from abrasion **2** Same as *mooxii*

**yammus** Same as *awus*; see also *yaggus*

**yammuu** *adv* when, i.e., at/during the time that *yammuu akkoon kee duute ati mucaa waggaa kudhanii*

*turte* When your grand mother died, you were a ten-year old child. See also *awuu*

**yandee** *n* hide, pelt, or rawhide of cattle

**yandoo** *adv, n 1* (of rain) heavily  
*eda yandoo roobe* It rained heavily last night/It rained cats and dogs. **2** heavy rain; downpour; pouring/drenching rain *yandoon midhaan balleessa* Heavy rain ruins crops.

**ya'oo** *n* leaven or yeast *ya'oon kun bukoo kana hin gawu* This leaven is not enough for this dough. See also *mooqa* (1) under *mooquu*

**yaraa** See *yarachuu*

**yarachuu** *iv 1* (usu used of amount or quantity) be/become inadequate, insufficient, few, less, little, or small *gombisaan na duraa yaratee midhaan koo bakkeetti afe* Part of my harvest is left outside because I did not have sufficient number of granaries or sufficient space in a granary. *nyaati hin yarate* Food was not sufficient. **2** be almost finished or about to be completed, i.e., dwindle *ojiin keenya yarateera* Our work is almost finished. **3** be/become seriously or terminally ill **yaraa** *adj* few or little *nama yaraatu dhufe* A few people came. *bishaan yaraa naa kennite* She gave me little water. **yareenya** *n 1* physical weakness; paucity; smallness *yareenya dhugaatii malee nyaati guutuu ture* Although there was a paucity of

drinks, food was plenty. **2** fear; cowardice *galati badde cubbuu, haaloon bade yareenya/Galanni baya cubbuu, haaloon baya yareenya* (saying) Forgetting gratitude is a sin, and forgetting to rvenge evil done to one is cowardice. **yarsuu** *tv 1* decrease; make too few/little/small *ba'aa isaa irraa yarsiif* Decrease his load. *Nyaata isee duraa yarsite* She made her food too little. **2** almost finished or completed, i.e., cause to dwindle *ojii keenya yarsineerra* We have almost finished or completed our work. **yartuu** *adj, adv* very few/little *fira/bishaan yartuu qabdi* She has very few/little relatives/water. *yeroo yartuu asi turee deeme* He was here only for a short while.

**yareenya** See *yarachuu*

**yaroo** Same as *yeroo*

**yarsuu** See *yarachuu*

**yartuu** See *yarachuu*

**yataamawuu** *iv* be orphaned

**yatima** *n* orphan *yatimni yoo namni guddifate malee kadhataa/kadhattuu ta'a/taati* Unless adopted, an orphan becomes a beggar.

**yatoo** Same as *mandhee* (3)

**yawus** Same as *awus*

**yawuu** Same as *awuu*

**yayii** *n* (usu takes *saree*) wolf *leenci saree yayii ni/in sodaata jedhu* They say that lions fear wolves.

**yayyaba** *n* basis, foundation, fundamental

**yayyii** Same as *yayii*

**yebboo** Same as *gulantaa* (2)



**yee** Same as *ee* (1)  
**yeekkara** See *yeekkaruu*  
**yeekkaraa** See *yeekkaruu*  
**yeekkarsiisuu** See *yeekkaruu*  
**yeekkaruu** *iv* 1 dance and sing simultaneously, usu when one experiences "spiritual" *ecstasy* *eda yeekkaraa bulan* They were dancing and singing all night last night. 2 bluff; talk nonsense  
**yeekkara** *n* spiritual dance and song **yeekkaraa** *adj* (of male) singer and dancer **yeekkarsiisuu** *tv* cause to sing and dance simultaneously  
**yeelala** See *yeelaluu*  
**yeelalsuu** See *yeelaluu*  
**yeelaluu** *iv* (usu used of ill persons) 1 speak with weak and faint voice *maa yeelala? in/ni dhukkubsataa?* Why is he speaking with weak and faint voice? Is he ill? 2 be weak and feeble due to illness, malnutrition, etc., *mucaan kun in/ni nyaata woo maaliif akkana yeelala?* This child eats right; why is he so weak and sickly then? 3 cry incessantly **yeelala** *n* weakness; incessant cry or whimpering **yeelalsuu** *tv* cause to cry or whimper  
**yeellaasisuu** Same as *qaanessuu* under *qaana'uu*  
**yeella'uu** Same as *qaana'uu*  
**yeelloo** Same as *qaanii* under *qaana'uu*  
**yeellooftuu** Same as *qaanoftuu* under *qaana'uu*

**yeerii** *adj* emaciated or lean, usu due to long illness or malnutrition *eega dhukkubsattee kaatee asi yeerii dhuma taate* Since she recovered from her illness, she has become lean and emaciated.  
**yeerloo** Same as *yeeroo*  
**yeeroo** *n* a kind of plant that stinks  
**yeey** Same as *ee*<sup>1</sup>  
**yeeyyii** Same as *yayii*  
**yegelloo** Same as *yagilloo*  
**yemmuu** Same as *yammuu*  
**yennaa** Same as *ennaa*  
**yeroo**<sup>1</sup> *n* 1 (applies to present, past, and future) time *kaleessa yeroo kana dhufe* He came at this time yesterday. *yeroo dhaan asi geese* She/You arrived in/on time. *har'a taphaaf yeroo hin qabu* Today, I have no time for play. *yeroo biraan sitti hima* I'll tell you another time. *yeroo tokko tokko na dhukkuba* I feel sick occasionally. 2 opportune time, i.e., time that is suitable for an event, a purpose, etc., *bilisummaaf loluun yeroon keessan amma* Now is the opportune time for you to struggle for freedom. **yeroo dhaaf** *adv* for the time being; provisionally / temporarily / tentatively *amma ani kittaa haaraa sii bitutti yeroo dhaaf kana uffadhu* Wear this for the time being until I buy you a new shirt.  
**yeroo**<sup>2</sup> Same as *yeeroo*  
**yeroo dhaaf** See *yeroo*<sup>1</sup>  
**yeyii** Same as *yayii*

**yeyyii** Same as *yayii*

**yoggaa**<sup>1</sup> Same as *waggaa*

**yoggaa**<sup>2</sup> Same as *yagguu*; see also  
*yammuu*

**yoggana** Same as *yowwana*

**yoggas** Same as *awus*

**yogguu** Same as *yammuu*

**yokaan** Same as *ookaan*

**yokiin** Same as *ookaan*

**yommuu** Same as *yammuu*

**yonnaa** *adv, conj* **1** (takes *baate*,  
*baatte*, *baatan*) if *yonnaa dhufuu*  
*baatan natti himi* Tell me if they  
don't come. **2** (*usu* takes  
*kana/sana/kam*) at this/that time  
*bor yonnaa kana dhufu* She will  
come at this time tomorrow.  
*yonnaa kam dhufu* At what  
time/What time will they come?  
*yonnaa sana ati eessa turte?* Where  
were you at that time?

**yoo** *conj* **1** if *yoo fedhe ha dhugu yoo*  
*jibbee ha dhiisu* If he wants, let  
him drink it; if not, let him leave  
it. *bor yoo dhufte manan jira* If you  
come tomorrow, I'll be at home  
(i.e., you will find me at home). **2**  
*yoo + verb + the same verb*  
repeated means no matter how  
... one may be; at least e.g., *yoo*  
*beela'ee beela'e hatee nyaataa?* No  
matter how hungry he may be, is  
he supposed to steal and eat? *yoo*  
*iyyoomtee iyyoomte birri lama hin*  
*dhabdu* No matter how poor she  
may be, she can afford two birr.  
*yoo dheebotanii dheebotani bishaan*  
*booruu kana hin dhuganu* No  
matter how thirsty they may be,  
they won't drink this muddy

water. *yoo dulloomanii dullooman*  
*mucaa dhanna dhiquu daxxabuu?*

No matter how old they may be,  
can't they at least give the baby a  
bath? Note that the final vowel  
of the first component of the  
repeated verbs is always long. **3**  
*yoo + verb + verb-yyuu* Same as  
(2) above except that this one is  
more emphatic. e.g. *yoo rakkatee*  
*rakkateeyyuu birri shan buusuu hin*  
*daxxabu* No matter how poor he  
may be, he must be able to  
contribute five birr. **yoon** *conj* **1**  
(applies to 1<sup>st</sup> person, sing. only)  
if *yoon dafee dhufuu baadhe nan*  
*eegin (na hin eegin)*. If I don't  
return soon, don't wait for me. **2**  
*yoon + verb + the same verb*  
repeated means the same as *yoo*  
(2) above e.g., *yoon wal'aalee*  
*wal'aale kanan wal'aalaa* No  
matter how ignorant I may be, I  
should at least know this. **3** *yoon*  
*+ verb-yyu* Same as *yoo* (3) above  
e.g., *yoon rakkadhee rakkadheyyuu*  
*ijoollee koo bakkeetti gatee hin badu*  
No matter how poor I may be, I  
won't abandon my children.

**yookaan** (*usu* abbreviated as *ykn*)  
*adv, conj* either ... (or) *yookaan ol*  
*gali yookkaan deemi; balbala irraa*  
*hin ijaajjin* Either come or go  
away; do not stand in the  
doorway. **yookaanimmoo** *adv,*  
*conj* (always preceded by  
*yookaan*) or *yookaan ciisi*  
*yookaanimmoo miilla diriirfadhu*  
Either lie down and rest or go  
out for a walk. *yookaan du'eera*

*yookaanimmoo biyyaa badeera* He is either dead or fled the country.

**yookaanimmoo** See *yookaan*

**yookan** Same as *yookaan*

**yookiin** Same as *yookaan*

**yookiis** Same as *yookaan*

**yookin** Same as *yookaan*

**yookis** Same as *yookaan*

**yoom** *adv* 1 (interrogative) when *yoom du'e?* When did he pass away? *jabbiin kun yoom dhalatte?* When was this calf born? 2 indicates the time at which sth happened *waan akkanaa yoom akkan dubbadhe hin yaadadhu* I don't remember when I said something like that. **yoomiif** *adv* (interrogative) used for asking when an event is to be scheduled *galmicha yoomiif sii qabuu?* For when (what day, date, time) do you want me to reserve the hall for you? **yoomiifuu** *adv* any way *wal gayicha irratti argamuu hin danda'uu natti fakkaata; yoomiifuu ittin yaada* I don't think I can attend the meeting; anyway, I will think about it. See also *hundumaafuu* under *hunda*

**yoomitti** *adv* 1 Same as *yoomiif* above 2 in no time; fast *yoomitti asi gaye jarana* People, he reached here in no time. **yoomiyyuu** Same as **yoomuu** *adv* (emphatic) always; at no time; never *yoomuu walgayii keenya dhufee hin/im beeku* He has never attended our meeting. *iseen yoomuu manaa hin dhabamtu* She is always at home.

**yoomiif** See *yoom*

**yoomiifuu** See *yoom*

**yoomitti** See *yoom*

**yoomiyyuu** See *yoom*

**yoomuu** See *yoom*

**yoon** See *yoo*

**yoona** Same as *yowwana*

**yoosaa** *adv* in that case *yoosaa natti ha afu* In that case, I had better do without it.

**yoosii** Same as *burqaa* under *burquu*

**yoosuma** *adv* (short form of *yaauma sana*; usu takes *sanana*) at that time without delay *yoosuma sanana isatti hime* I told him at that time immediately.

**yosoo** *adj* (of hair or dog's tail) long; bushy, hairy, or furry *shurrubbaan isee yosoo dha* Her hair, which she wears in a braid/plait, is long (and beautiful). *sareen kun eegeen isaa yosoo dha* This dog's tail is long and bushy.

**yowaan** Same as *yowwana*

**yowaayoo** *n* this year; see also *barana* under *bara*

**yowwana** *adv* 1 by now or by this time (in the future) *yowwana Sibboo geesseetti* By now/by this time she must have arrived at Sibboo 2 at this time (in the future or past) *bor yowwana kottu* Come tomorrow at this time. *kaleessa yowwana manaa baate* She left home at this time yesterday.

**yumii** *n* (usu of chickens) disease or epidemic that spreads among many chickens for a time;

fowlpest *yumii indaaqqoo* an epidemic disease of chickens

**yumoo** *n* cabbage; see also *raafuu*

**yu** Same as *ee*<sup>1</sup> (1)

**yuuba** *n* (of hair) neither kinky nor straight

**yuubdoo** *n* a kind of tree having large flower head with numerous scale-like bracts similar to that of the artichoke; flower of this tree [*procea gaguedi*]

**yuusa** See *yuusuu*

**yuusisuu** See *yuusuu*

**yuusuu** *iv* (used of hyenas) cry or howl with a laughing cry *waraabessi eessaa yuusa?* From where is a hyena howling?

**yuusa** *n* howling or a laughing cry of a hyena *yuusa waraabessaa dhageessee?* Have you heard a laughing cry of a hyena?

**yuusisuu** *tv* cause to howl or cause to cry *maaliif mucaa rukkuttee akkana isaa yuusifta?* Why did you hit the child and make him cry?

**-yyuu** suffixed to certain adjectives, adverbs, nouns, prepositions, pronouns, or verbs, it means even, i.e., still or yet *gabaabaayyuu yoo ta'e ha ta'u fidi* Bring it even it is short. *iseen dheengaddayyuu hin dhufne* She did not show up even the day before yesterday (for that important occasion). *sa'a dhiisii indaaqqooyyuu hin qabnu* Let alone cattle, we don't have even chickens. *nu birayyuu buluu ni/in*

*dide* He refused to stay over night even with us (who are closer relatives). *iseeyyuu jibiteetti* She has hated even her (who is her best friend). *sangaa kun mulluu bidiruu tokko nyaatuuyyuu hin quufu* Even if he eats a trough full of boiled grains, this ox won't be satisfied, i.e., feel full.

## z/Z

This sound is alien to Afaan Oromo. It occurs only in words taken mostly from semitic languages such as Arabic. Even then the "s" sound is commonly used instead of "z". Here are some examples of words that begin in z:

**zabanyaa** *n* guard or watchman

**zabii** *n* sentry

**zalazzaluu** *tv* jerk meat

**zayitii** *n* cooking oil

**zeeroo** *n* zero; love; naught

**zeytuuna** *n* guava, tree or fruit [Psidium]

**zinnaara** *n* cartridge belt





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